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# ABOUT THE COVER



The cover highlights the Philippine Marine Corps' four major capabilities: National Maneuver Amphibious Force, Coastal Defense, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Operations.

The Philippine Marine Corps is strengthening Marine Amphibious Ready Units (MARU) as part of the Philippine Navy's Amphibious Ready Force and the AFP's National Maneuver Force.

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These capabilities constitute the SMARTER Marine Corps, the AFP's Archipelagic Coastal Defense Force, that remains formidable and committed for 71 years and counting.

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Message from the

# SECRETARY


of National Defense

I extend my warmest greetings to the Philippine Marine Corps as you celebrate your 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday this November.

The Marine Corps has stood the test of time and weathered the challenges thrown at it over the years. The Corps has been at the forefront of the government's efforts to secure our communities and defend the sovereignty of our maritime nation. Your theme this year, "SMARTER MARINES @ 71: Seizing the Beachhead for a Credible Archipelagic Coastal Defense Posture" reflects the Corps' drive to improve its capability in rendering its service to the Filipino people.

I enjoin our Marines to remain steadfast in your commitment to achieve your mission and keep the fire of Karangalan, Katungkulan, at Kabayanihan burning.

Happy 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday!



**DELFIN N. LORENZANA**  
Secretary



Message from the

# FLAG OFFICER IN COMMAND

Philippine Navy

On behalf of the Fleet-Marine Team, I convey my heartfelt greetings to all the Officers, Enlisted Personnel, and Civilian Human Resources of the Philippine Marine Corps on your 71<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary. Congratulations on another meaningful and successful year of working towards being a more capable amphibious force-in-readiness.

For 71 years, the PMC has been an earnest component of the country's naval force. Today, the AFP is hounded by multiple and simultaneous security threats on all fronts. And the PMC, as an essential Type Command of the PN, is on the right track in developing a highly capable and competent amphibious force to perform tasks across various operational defense missions.

As the ground combat instrument of naval power and a complementary force to the Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force, joint forces and other law enforcement agencies, The Philippine Marine Corps is currently capacitating itself to effectively and efficiently operate in a quickly evolving security landscape. The Archipelagic Coastal Defense Concept or the Marine Corps Operating Concept 2021 allows the gradual adjustment and upgrade of its priorities and key capabilities. Aiming to be a more responsive component of naval and joint warfare and to support the attainment of national military objectives, the PMC is not only S.M.A.R.T.E.R in its organizational development, but also in its utilization of its forces.

This year's birthday theme: *"SMARTER MARINES @ 71: Seizing the Beachhead for a Credible Archipelagic Coastal Defense Posture"* is reflective of the PMC's desired future and your disposition to equip and capacitate yourselves to provide force employers with a more able and flexible maneuver opportunities for a better execution of missions.

Again, congratulations and happy 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday! Bravo Zulu!

**ADELUIS S BORDADO**  
Vice Admiral, PN



Message from the

# COMMANDANT

Philippine Marine Corps


My fellow Marines, let me extend to all of you my warmest greetings of Happy 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday! Uwwahh!

As I take pride of the countless achievements of the Philippine Marine Corps this year, I wish to thank every single Marine deployed across the Archipelago, as far as the remotest island of Mavulis in the north, Pag-asa Island in the West Philippine Sea, and the southernmost island of Panguan in Tawi-Tawi for the outstanding achievements you have brought forth to our most revered Marine Corps! Your countless accomplishments in combatting the different threat groups that seek to undermine the democratic ideals of our people and safeguarding our territory are truly remarkable.

Celebrating with the theme, *"Smarter Marines @ 71, Seizing the Beachhead for a Credible Archipelagic Coastal Defense Force,"* I enjoin all of you to embark with me on a journey towards a **S.M.A.R.T.E.R.** Marine Corps! Let us relentlessly pursue the right transformation that would fit us in our strategic direction. Face change in order to be more capable of performing our defense duties, for we cannot deal with the current and future security challenges if we remain locked up with doing the traditional ways and keeping the old mindset. Let us therefore bring out a SMARTER Marine in every one of us!

Alongside with our transformation is building a new Marine Base and improving our facilities through our partner agencies. BCDA has enabled us to fast track the schedule of construction of our future headquarters, which will have its official groundbreaking ceremony in time of our November week-long celebration. DPWH is supporting us in the construction of various facilities in MBGL next year, while we have included in our budget various facility constructions in MBAA for CY-2022. Hence, we must all face the year ahead with more enthusiasm and dedication, ever proud of the Marine legacy of service to the Filipino nation.

Ad Ludum Vicimus!



**ARIEL R. CACULITAN**  
Major General PN(M)





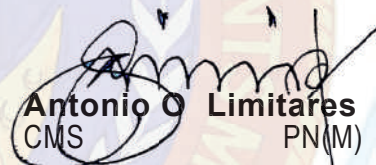
Message from the  
**COMMAND  
SERGEANT MAJOR**  
Philippine Marine Corps

The Philippine Marine Corps has gained ground in its strategic transformation towards becoming an archipelagic coastal defense force characterized by modernized capabilities and mindset in accordance with the Command Guidance on SMARTER Marine Corps.

As we commemorate our 71<sup>st</sup> Marine Birthday, being the Command Sergeant Major of the PMC, I take pride in echoing the enlisted corps' voices supporting the Command in our transformation. We remain steadfast in demonstrating the finest representation of combat effectiveness and efficiency along with discipline, courage, and dedication at all times. We also continue refining our warrior spirit as we move ahead and win against all odds.

Let us embrace this modernization and support the consistent advocacy of our Commandant to have a *"SMARTER Individual Marine towards a SMARTER Marine Corps"*.

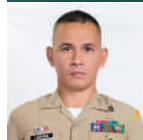
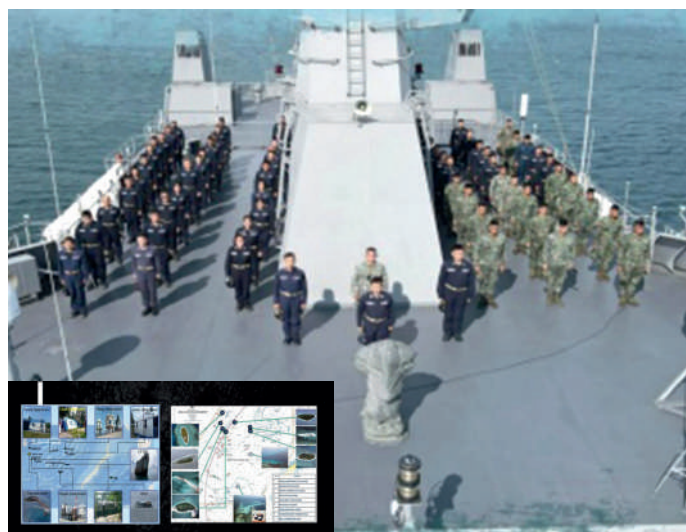
Happy 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday to the Philippine Marine Corps!



**Antonio O Limitares**  
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# NATIONAL MANEUVER FORCE



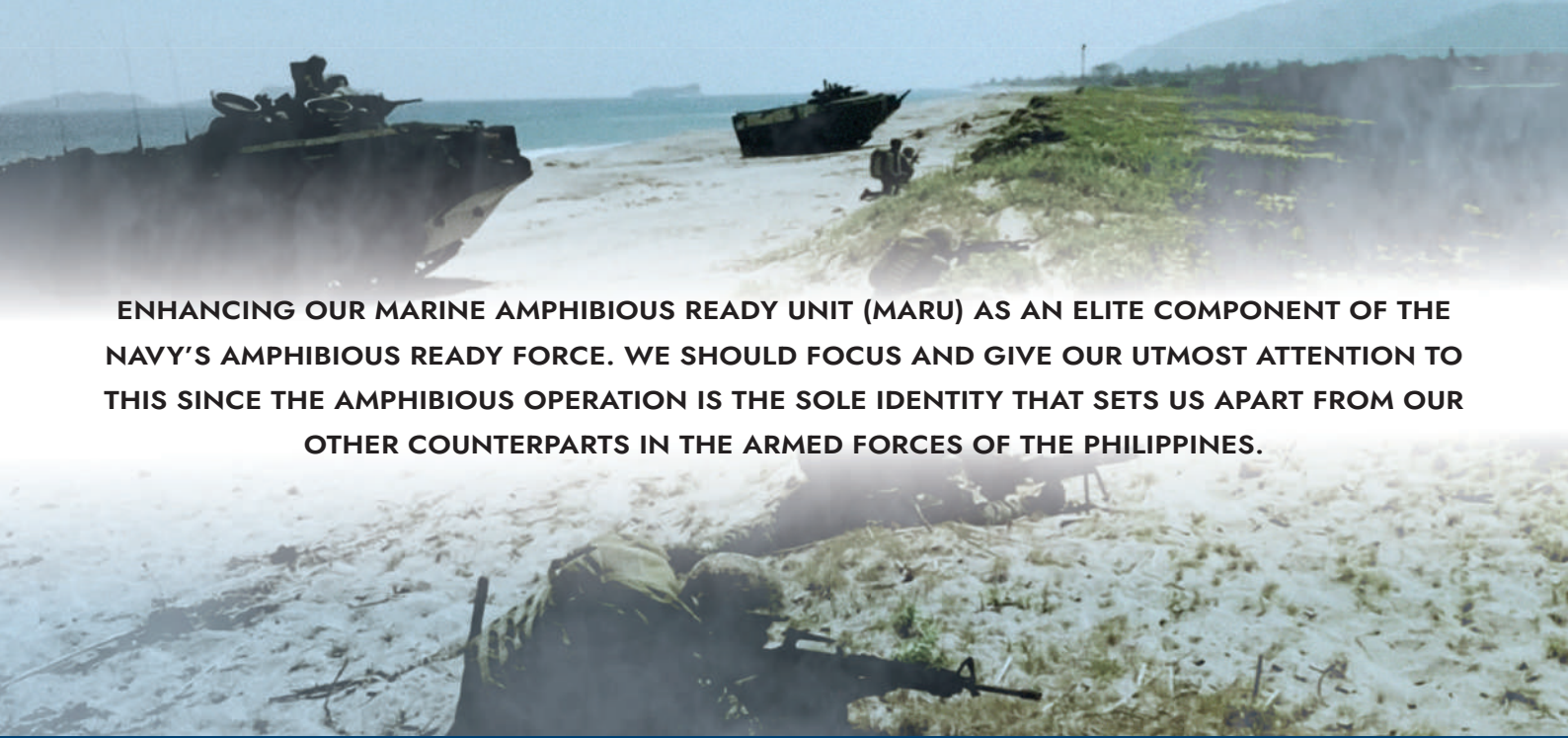
## MARINE AMPHIBIOUS READY UNIT CONDUCTS SOVEREIGNTY PATROL IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

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The Marine Amphibious Ready Unit, as part of Amphibious Task Force 80.6 under Fleet-Marine Ready Force, has conducted a sovereignty patrol in the vicinity of the West Philippine Sea particularly on seven islands of the Kalayaan Group of Islands from April 20 to May 12, 2021. The unit was composed of its Command Element, one Platoon of Amphibious Mechanized Company (39MC), one Platoon of Assault Boat Company (29MC), one Platoon of Force Reconnaissance Group (65MC), two Section of Assault Amphibious Vehicle Company (76MC), and other Service Support Units. With the Philippine Navy Ship, Landing Dock 601 (BRP TARLAC) as its Amphibious platform, this unit successfully conducted its mission in line with the Fleet-Marine Operations Concept.

Amphibious Task Group (ATG) 80.6 was formally activated on March 26, 2021 with the primary purpose of conducting Focused Military Operations in Sulu Province

as per HPN LOI Nr 029-21. The ATG 80.6 diverted its 1st Mission in the Province of Palawan to maintain the security and stability in the territorial borders of the West Philippine Sea. Despite several challenges at sea including poor mobile communication signal, the unit under ATG 80.6 still accomplished its significant missions. Among them are the following: challenge a total of 47 Chinese maritime militia and Vietnamese fishing boats that illegally entered the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Philippine waters, conducted reprovision activity and rotation of personnel to Marine detachments in the area, and more importantly, provided medical needs of the local populace and AFP personnel through its medical mission capability. Such activities are only some of the significant missions that the Marine Amphibious Ready Unit successfully undertake with the guidance of Amphibious Task Group 80.6 whenever and wherever it can be done.



**ENHANCING OUR MARINE AMPHIBIOUS READY UNIT (MARU) AS AN ELITE COMPONENT OF THE NAVY'S AMPHIBIOUS READY FORCE. WE SHOULD FOCUS AND GIVE OUR UTMOST ATTENTION TO THIS SINCE THE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IS THE SOLE IDENTITY THAT SETS US APART FROM OUR OTHER COUNTERPARTS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

To further prepare the unit for future Focused Military Operations, the ATG 80.6 conducted related lectures, training, exercises, evolutions, and other capability integration particularly on Joint Amphibious Operations Doctrine facilitated by designated staff from Fleet-Marine Ready Force. With this, the knowledge and skills of every person will always be at a high level of readiness. Moreover, the Command Element with concerned staff aboard Philippine Navy Ship (LD601) also provided time for planning exercises and C2 development. The Surface and Landing

Force Component also joined hands to identify gaps every after missions to take actions and necessary improvements on the next identified missions.

With the leadership and guidance of Lt. Col. Hermilino E. Tusi Jr. PN(M), Commanding Officer, the Marine Amphibious Ready Unit will surely highlight the unit's concept of operations, showcase its capability, and motivate its personnel to become SMARTER-MARINES.

# PMC ROLLS OUT THE NATIONAL MANEUVER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE CONCEPT

By: MARINE OFFICER BASIC COURSE CLASS 44

The Philippine Marine Corps envisions developing an archipelagic defense that shall bring pride and lasting inspiration to people. Related to this, the Command develops and strengthens the major capabilities for the completion of its Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Personnel, Leadership, Facility and Sustainment (DOTMPLF) requirements.

One of these capabilities is the national maneuver amphibious force. Amphibious maneuvers are conducted in support of operations to address territorial defense, internal security, and disaster management at the landward and seaward segments of the littorals.

The National Maneuver Amphibious Force Concept was created to provide a ready marine unit with combat support and service support elements. The concept will be achieved by developing highly mobile and modular Marine

Amphibious Ready Units for the effective and successful conduct of archipelagic coastal defense and protection of our maritime nation through joint operations. The deployment of the said unit requires expeditious embarkation and disembarkation, prompt action, and sufficient sustainment during combat operations.

The National Maneuver Amphibious Force must have a staging area for forwarding deployment and sustainment, logistics sustainment afloat and ashore, and expanded situational awareness. Such awareness will establish a common operating picture with force employers.

The Corps prides itself in its ability to conduct successful amphibious operations. Thus, the establishment of this concept would greatly help the Corps in fulfilling its mission the smarter way!



## EMBLEM CEREMONY FOR 71 NEOPHYTE MARINES TAKES PLACE

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The fruit of sacrifices was harvested as the Marine Basic Course Class 483rd, with a total of 71 strong candidate soldiers, was formally received by the Corps. The Emblem Ceremony, which serves as one of the most significant traditions of the Philippine Marine Corps, was graced by Chief Master Sergeant Antonio O. Limitares PN(M), the Command Sergeant Major of the Philippine Marine Corps on October 3, 2021, at The Basic School in Ternate, Cavite City.

As the keynote speaker, Chief Master Sgt. Limitares PN(M) encouraged the candidate soldiers to be strong in times of challenges. "Be still in your heart and mind to look back and reflect on every word of the Marine Oath and the Philippine Marine Corps' Core Values," he underscored.

The Marine Basic Course Class 483rd was convened on February 1, 2021, with a total of 70 civilian recruits. Later on, the nine candidate soldiers who were deferred from the previous class of MBC joined the class with a total of 79 members in all. This class was composed of all male trainees. Unfortunately, along with the course, eight

candidate soldiers were unable to endure the training and were terminated from the course.

The Basic School aims to transform candidate soldiers in line with its general objectives: to train and develop candidate soldiers to be administratively, tactically, and technically proficient riflemen of a Marine Rifle Squad. The school ensures that the training objectives are attained with the designed program of instructions to complete the total transformation of a candidate soldier from a civilian to a true Marine. Despite the pandemic, it took 26 weeks, 6 months, and 2 weeks to finish the rigorous phases of training and pass the academic requirements to develop their confidence physically, emotionally, and professionally. They were properly trained and were instilled with the character that every Marine should possess.

A total of 71 strong candidate soldiers successfully endured and surpassed the training and proudly gained their dream to wear the emblem of the Philippine Marine Corps.





## MARINE LEADERS WITH A CARING HEART

MSgt Fructuoso S Cajote Jr PN(M)  
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As a Senior Enlisted Leader, one of the most prestigious parts of leadership is leading a battalion-size of Enlisted Personnel (EP) while ensuring their morale and welfare are taken care of and upholding the highest degree of discipline that the Corps is known for. A Sergeant Major is the leader that an EP can always count on and one who has the gift of discernment that helps facilitate and encourage conversations. This is especially true during formal and informal dialogues, consultations, and even heart-to-heart talks when EP confide or seek advice regarding their problems, anxieties, failures, loneliness, and depression. Various factors affect their state of mind particularly during combat or field duties.

The onslaught of the pandemic has made things worse for many people who are undergoing emotional distress. Being physically detached from loved ones and having family members and friends who battled with COVID-19 add to their stresses. These sad narratives are common thread among many of us. Some Filipinos, however, still show stigma towards people with mental health issues despite the legislation of the Mental Health Act in 2018.

As in every organization, it is always important to have a good and capable leader able to motivate and carry people forward and help them manage their mental health. The Philippine Marine Corps is no exception. As a Senior Enlisted Leader/ Sergeant Major, with the guidance of our very energetic and supportive Battalion Commander, I encourage the Marines in the Team Kapayapaan to do our

part as one organization following and exercising the chain of command.

Let us always “look, listen, and take actions” by providing solutions to problems and concerns in our unit. Observe and look for unseen problems by properly paying attention to and examining indicators that might lead to problems. Listen, guide, and mentor our troops. Listen to their problems in order to understand their issues and maintain their high state of morale. Simply by lending our ears, we already make a positive difference. We can do this by visiting and talking to them in their relaxation time and in-house training. If they do cry, then let them cry and remember not to interrupt them. Also, be compassionate as they tell you their stories of struggle and hardship. Consider it a privilege when they open up to you and see you as an adviser or confidante. Refrain from judging them based from what they are going through. A leader also acts on problems or issues that are within his range of influence. Take the necessary action to solve the problem. If the problem is beyond you, follow the chain of command and refer it to higher supervisors for proper action.

Let us remember that even if our Marines are known as “walking and killing machines”, they are still humans with emotions needing a compassionate and caring heart.

Wanting to lead and guide, a proud member of “SAMBUKLOD CLASS” AFPSMC CLASS 20-2020 – MSgt Fructuoso S. Cajote Jr. 791874 PN(M) at the helm.



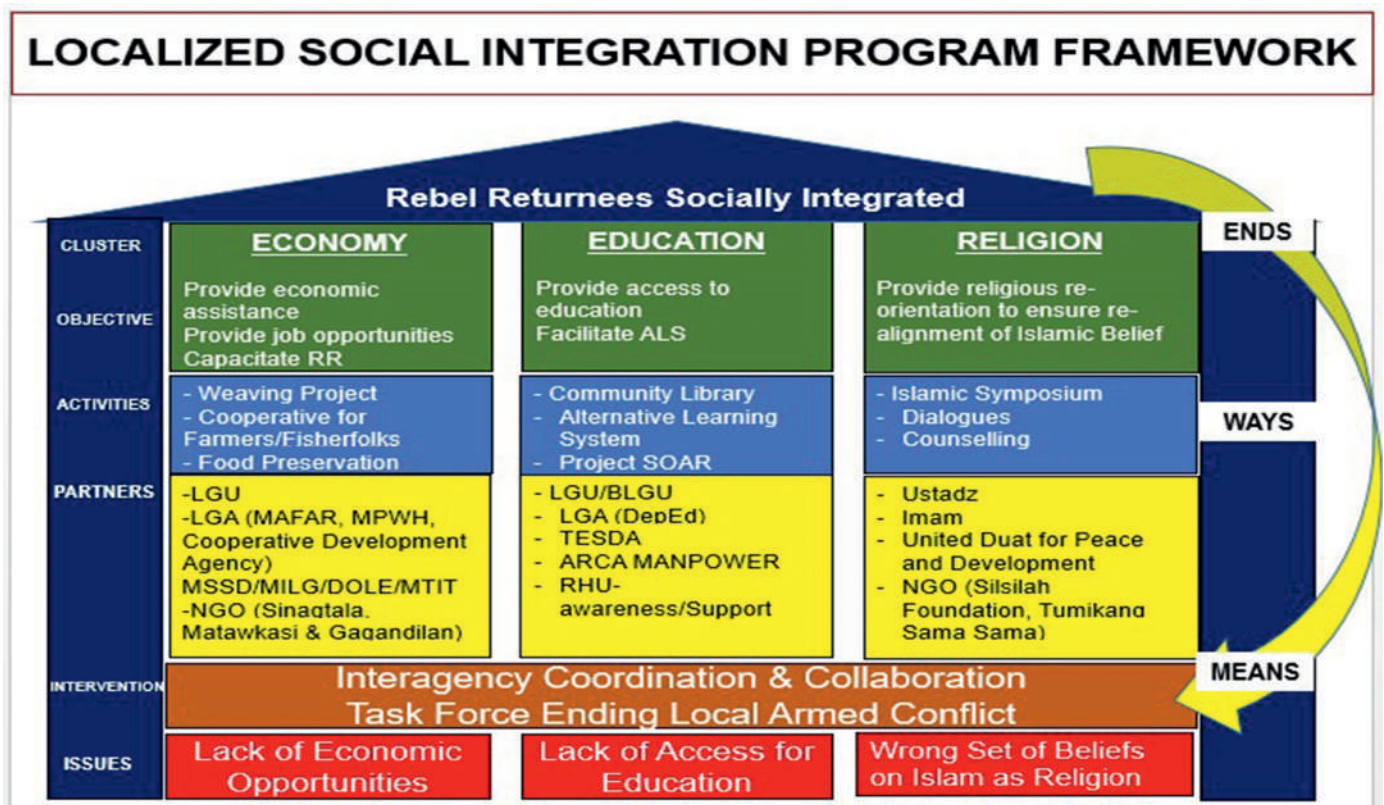
## LGU-OMAR ADOPTS THE MARINES' LOCALIZED SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM

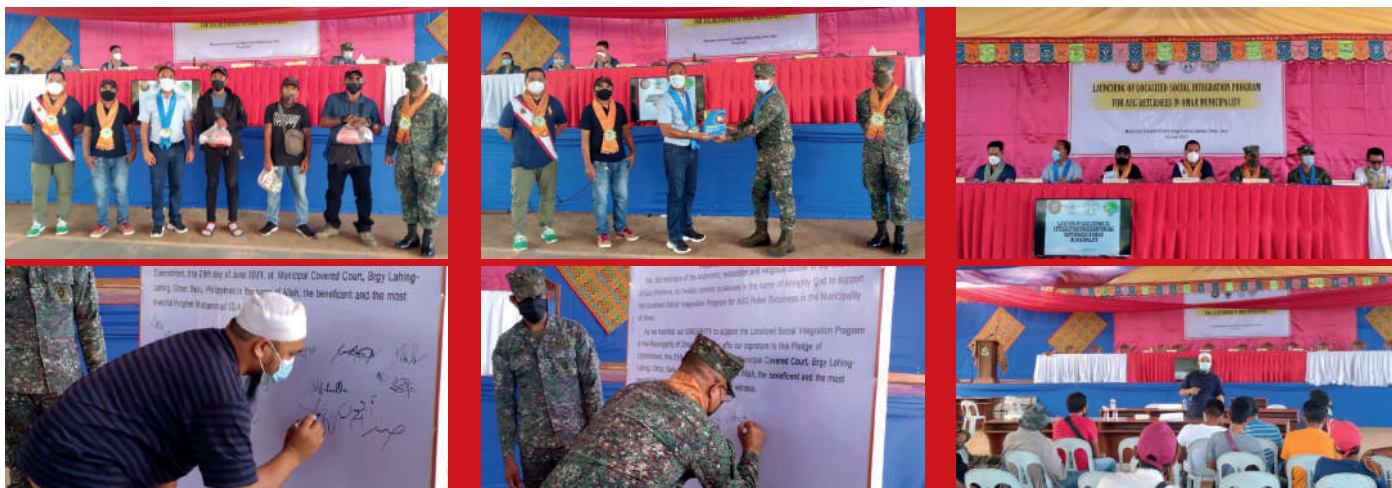
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With the collaborative efforts of the security sector and the local government, a total of 37 Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) members and coddlers in the Municipality of Omar in Sulu have decided to start a new life. Local interventions have been started through the various programs of the local government unit and line agencies. To prevent our returnees from going back to their violent acts and from joining again the ASG and other threat groups, they need to undergo a deradicalization process and be socially integrated. "Deradicalization is an important soft approach which aims to change ideas and attitudes about violence and part of the said process is reintegration and rehabilitation. These include

trust-building activities, counseling, religious dialogues, and community involvement. (Banlaoi, 2014) To harmonize the programs to be given to them by the government through the Task Force – Ending Local Armed Conflict (ELAC), the 4th Marine Brigade conceptualized the Localized Social Integration Program (LSIP) and implemented by its battalion in the 2nd District of Sulu.

The Marine Battalion Landing Team-8 (MBLT-8), Team Peacemaker, executes the concept based on the following framework:





The LSIP is clustered into three – Economy, Education, and Religion to address the root causes of terrorism and social issues being capitalized for the recruitment of the local terrorist groups in the province.

For the Economic cluster, we aim to provide economic assistance/job opportunities and capacity building for the ASG returnees and their families to ensure that they can earn enough for their basic needs and further establish economic independence from unlawful activities such as terrorism. Lack of economic opportunities leads to poverty which is used by a local terrorist group and kidnap for ransom group to exploit the poor and vulnerable sector of the society to join in their group in exchange for the opportunity to have money to support their family. (4MBDE, 2021)

The Education cluster aims to provide access to education to ensure that the ASG returnees' children will have proper education. Moreover, education of the ASG returnees themselves will be facilitated through Adult Learning System (ALS) Program. Community Libraries can also augment in bringing learning and education to the municipality. (4MBDE, 2021)

The Religious cluster which is composed of our religious leaders and non-government organizations (NGOs) inclined to religion aims to provide religious re-orientation to ensure re-alignment of the ASG returnees' religious beliefs with the mainstream society. This cannot be done by the security sectors; hence this issue must be addressed through Islamic symposium, dialogues, and constant counseling to be spearheaded by the religious sector to prevent the spread of the narrative and influence of violent extremism in the municipality. (4MBDE, 2021)

The line agencies and NGOs belonging to these clusters have rendered their full support and commitment to the program. These include the Ministry of Social Service and Development, Ministry of Interior and Local Government, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, National Housing Authority, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Technological Education and Skills Development Authority, Ministry of Education, and Rural Health Unit. The NGOs such as the Sinagtala Foundation, Gagandilan Mindanao Women, Inc., United Duat for Peace and Development, and Education, Livelihood and Humanitarian Assistance for Moros, Inc. (ELHAM) further offered their programs to the returnees.

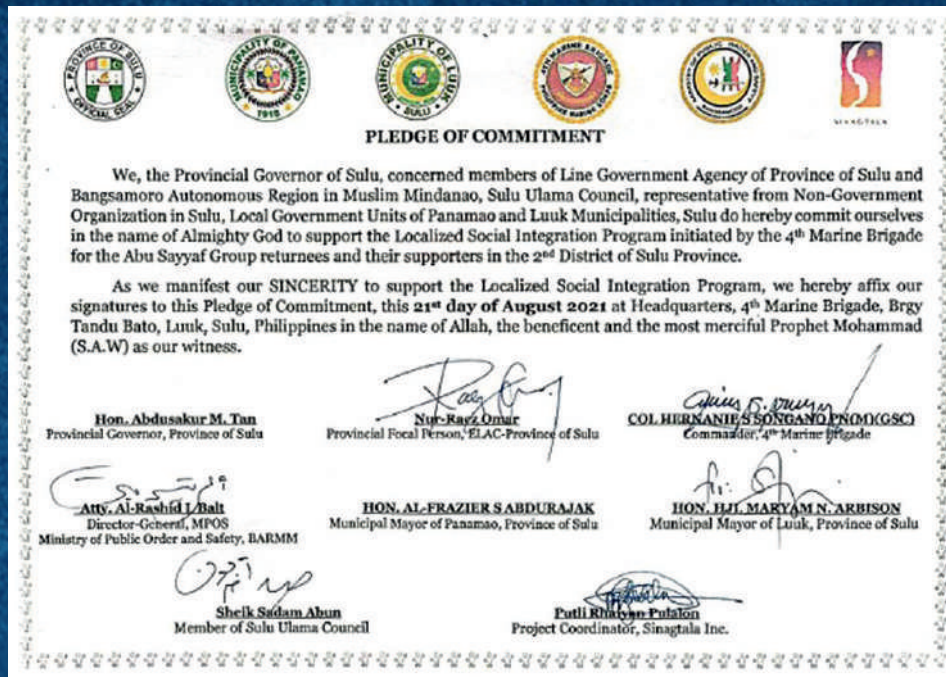
Having the same objective to prevent the cycle of violence by addressing the social issues being capitalized by the threat groups in their recruitment scheme, Omar Municipality passed the **Sangguniang Bayan Resolution Number 0071** Series of 2021 dated June 28, 2021 "A Resolution Adopting the Marine Battalion Landing Team 8 (MBLT-8) Localized Social Integration Program (LSIP) Implementation for the Abu Sayyaf Group Returnees in the Municipality of Omar, Province of Sulu." Likewise, **the Municipal Task Force –ELAC passed Resolution Number 001** Series of 2021 dated June 29, 2021 "A Resolution Adopting the Localized Social Integration Program (LSIP) for the Abu Sayyaf Group Returnees of the Marine Battalion Landing Team 8 (MBLT-8) as part of the Priority Programs of the MTF-ELAC of the Municipality of Omar, Sulu".

With this, LSIP was formally launched on June 29, 2021. The launch was attended by Hon. Abdusakur M. Tan, Governor of Sulu Province, represented by Mr. Erwin Tan; Hon. Munir Arbison, Congressman of 2nd District of Sulu, represented by Engr. Henry Siraji; and Col. Hernanie S. Songano PN(M)(GSC), the Commander of 4th Marine Brigade. The heads of various local agencies led by PTF-ELAC Focal Person and NGOs also attended the event bringing with them their respective programs for the rehabilitation and reintegration of the returnees. Moreover, they pledged their support and commitment by signing the Pledge of Commitment Board.

Initially, the returnees were given food packs from the NGOs and various vegetable seeds by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform. They were also taught the basic methods of planting and propagating them through backyard gardening. Further, 2,800 books of various subjects were also turned over by MBLT-8 to the Municipality of Omar for the Community Library Project for easy access of references in support of the efforts on education and awareness. The religious cluster led by United Duat for Peace and Development Chairman conducted religious counseling session after the launching.

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## 4TH MARINE "MAKUSUG" BRIGADE'S LOCALIZED SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM (LSIP): ACHIEVING MILESTONE FOR LASTING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2ND DISTRICT OF SULU



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An unprecedented number of close to a hundred Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) members and their supporters who surrendered are now enjoying the benefits of the Localized Social Integration Program (LSIP), which aims to reintegrate back to mainstream society the ASG returnees and their families to break the cycle of violent extremism. By pooling the resources and capabilities of the different stakeholders such as the local governments, agencies, non-government organizations, people's organizations, volunteers, business sector, and security sector, we are able to form a cohesive and comprehensive program for the ASG returnees in the 2nd district of Sulu Province.

The ASG members were slowly but steadily surrendering to the Operational Controlled Battalions, the Marine Battalion Landing Teams 1, 7, and 8 when they learned of the sincerity of the Marines to help them return to the folds of the law through the LSIP. Based on the revelation of the ASG returnees, the primary reason why they were enticed to join the said local terrorist group is poverty and lack of sustainable livelihood. It is on that aspect that the 4th Marine Brigade conceptualized and operationalized the LSIP. This soft approach strategy is one of the lines of effort of the unit to significantly contribute to the peace, security, and development efforts of the government in the 2nd district of Sulu.

### The LSIP focuses on the following factors:

a) Economic - To provide economic assistance, job opportunities, and capacity building for the ASG returnees

and their families to ensure they can earn enough for their basic needs and further establish economic independence from unlawful activities such as terrorism. Lack of economic activities in the province lead to poverty which is one of the major factors used by the local terrorist groups to exploit the poor and vulnerable sector of the society to join their group in exchange for money.

b) Education - To provide access to education to ensure that the ASG returnees' children will have proper education. Moreover, education for the ASG returnees themselves will be facilitated through the Adult Learning System (ALS) Program. During the recent recruitment for enlistment in the Army by the 11th Infantry Division in Jolo, Sulu, illiteracy is one of the main issues why they drastically fell short in their recruitment quota. Likewise, this is one of the impediments to economic activities despite the abundance of resources in the province.

c) Religious - To provide religious re-orientation to ensure re-alignment of the ASG returnees' religious beliefs with the mainstream society. Muslim religious leaders whose influence remains high over time are not formally participating in governance. Likewise, religious leaders are passive in countering the narrative of violent extremists due to fear of reprisals. However, this situation must be addressed through collective efforts to prevent the spread of the narrative and influence of violent extremism in the province.



As the LSIP requires multi-stakeholder collaboration, the following clusters were organized:

**a) Economic Cluster:**

1. Local Government Units through Municipal Task Force-ELAC
2. Line Government Agencies
  - a. Department of Agriculture
  - b. Department of Agrarian Reform
  - c. Department of Public Works and Highway
  - d. Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
  - e. Technological Education and Skills Development Authority
3. Non-Government Organizations
  - a. Sinagtala
  - b. Matawaksi
  - c. Gagandilan Mindanao Women Inc.
  - d. Silsilah Foundation
  - e. Tumikang Sama-Sama

**b) Education Cluster:**

- a. Department of Education
- b. Local Government Units/BLGUs
- c. Non-Government Organization
  1. Project SOAR
  2. Organizations Granting Scholarship

**c) Religious Cluster:**

- a. Ustadz
- b. Imams
- c. Non-Government Organization
- d. Other Local Religious Leaders

The Armed Forces of the Philippines, in its Development Support and Security Plan “KAPAYAPAAN”, cited that achieving permanent peace requires arduous work and with the dynamic nature of the security environment, the range of challenges and opportunity continues to expand. Apart from the recurring issue of insurgency, the country is still besieged with issues on illegal armed groups and weapons, and terrorism, among others. While these issues are the primordial concerns of the security sector, these

challenges can be effectively addressed using all pillars and agencies of the government through a convergence approach of development, governance, and security.

On the local setting, peace and development in Sulu have always been elusive since time immemorial. The name of the place and its people connote danger and chaos for outsiders. The place has been infamous as one of the most dangerous places to visit. It is the birthplace of the Moro National Liberations Front and the ideal recruitment area for all sorts of criminal armed groups such as the dreaded Abu Sayyaf whose strength and fire power even challenge the might of our military. Pursuing lasting peace and development has always been elusive since the sources of conflict are multi-faceted from historical, religious, cultural, graft and corruption, poverty, external influence, the proliferation of loose firearms, illegal drugs, illiteracy, violent extremism, geography, and structural, among others. Many military leaders have tried and failed yet the majority of Tausug tribes in the archipelagic province remain longing for permanent peace and development. That is why a soft approach strategy was conceptualized and operationalized to ensure that the unit will put an end to the vicious cycle of violence by addressing their pull and push factors on violent extremism, thereby sustaining the peace and development in the area of operations.

The Officers, men, and women of the 4th Marine Brigade under the sterling leadership of Col. Hernanie S. Songano PN(M)(GSC) will continuously work hard to sustain the gains in bringing lasting peace and development in the 2nd District of Sulu Province. The surrender of unprecedented number of ASG returnees and their supporters to the unit inspires the Marines in the province and shows that the unit is on the right track in pursuing its mission. Moreover, the relative peace in the area as manifested by having three years of no enemy-initiated violence against civilians or government forces strengthens the conviction of troops that the soft approach in dealing with the enemy is more effective.

Sun Tzu, a Chinese military strategist, philosopher, and author of the Art of War said, “The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting”. These magnificent achievements of the unit are worth a case study of future military leaders who will be assigned in the province of Sulu.



Launching of LSIP at Kalingalan Caluang-14 June 2021



4th Marine Brigade Launch LSIP-21 August 2021



## PMC SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES KAMANDAG 2021

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The KAMANDAG 5-21 (“Kaagapay ng mga Mandirigma mula sa Dagat) Exercise, participated in by the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) and Philippine Marine Corps (PMC), together with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF), successfully ended on October 8, 2021 at Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

This annual joint and interoperability exercise is aimed at enhancing bilateral cooperation and interoperability between the U.S. Forces and other partner-nations and improving readiness and responsiveness to crises in the region.

Held from September 28 to October 8, 2021, the Exercise included extensive field trainings and exchanges. JGSDF demonstrated their humanitarian assistance and disaster response (HADR) capabilities and conducted technical exchanges with their counterparts from the PMC and the Philippine Navy Construction Brigade using combined knowledge, equipment, and systems in HADR scenarios.

The PMC’s skills in counterterrorism were tested when they simulated counterterrorism activity in defending

and taking an island in Corregidor with the Navy’s Multipurpose Assault Craft (MPAC).

As regards the coastal defense capability, the 3rd Marine Division of the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), USMC trained the PMC in Cagayan in the establishment of strategic coastal defense and deployment and employment of shore-based weapons and combat service support assets to control waterways and sea lines of communications.

The Marines in Palawan had a virtual staff integration activity and key leaders’ engagement with subject matter experts from the III MEF, USMC providing lectures and wargaming exercises to strengthen defense cooperation and engagement.

MGen. Ariel R. Caculitan, PMC Commandant, was pleased of the turnout of the Exercise. He recognized the commitment of the JGSDF and the USMC for helping the Armed Forces of the Philippines advance its amphibious and HADR capabilities and enhance the development and employment of the shore-based weapons system of the PMC as it transitions towards archipelagic coastal defense posture.





# NEW COMMANDING OFFICER TAKES HELM OF MBLT-10

By: 1LT JAMES VINCENT G FERRER PN(M)

Change of Command Ceremony is a military tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility of a unit from one commanding officer to another. This demonstrates to the personnel of the unit that the outgoing commanding officer has passed the responsibilities to the incoming commanding officer, and with this, also passes the loyalty and unity of the personnel. The Marine Battalion Landing Team-10 (MBLT-10) bid farewell to their former Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Rowan L. Rimas PN(M)(GSC) and welcomed Lt. Col. Julius T. Yncierto PN(M), the new Commanding Officer in a change of command ceremony in Santa Ana, Cagayan on June 11, 2021.

The simple ceremony was presided by Maj. Gen. Ariel R. Caculitan PN(M), Commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps. Lt. Col. Rimas, who assumed command of the MBLT-10 on December 10, 2019 received numerous awards from various units including the Philippine Marine Corps; Northern Luzon Command; 5th Infantry Division, PA; 501st Infantry Brigade, PA; 17th Infantry Battalion, PA; Joint Task Force "TALA"; Naval Task Group Fleet-Marine Cagayan; Joint Task Force "KARAGATAN"; Naval Reserve Center-Northern Luzon; Provincial Government of Cagayan; Municipality of Santa Teresita, Cagayan; Municipality of Aparri, Cagayan; and National Bureau of Investigation Region 2 for his invaluable services rendered to the Provinces of Cagayan and Batanes. "With the awards received by the outgoing Commanding Officer from the different units and agencies, it is very evident that the Philippine Marine Corps has greatly contributed to peace and development in the Province of Cagayan through MBLT-10. Rest assured that the next Commanding Officer will continue the initiatives of the Corps in the area," MGen. Caculitan said during the ceremony.

Lt. Col. Rimas had numerous accomplishments during his stint. He wanted a better quality of life for the Cagayanos, especially those people living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas. He wanted the best for

Cagayan. "Our Marines are here for Archipelagic Coastal Defense. We are here to complement other forces and not to compete. We are here not for war but for peace. We are here not to destroy lives, but to be part of the Bayanihan effort to improve the quality of life of those in need," Lt. Col. Rimas said in his speech. He was pleased for completing his tour of duty in Cagayan with flying colors. He thanked the people who helped him, especially his family.

Indeed, he made his Marine Corps proud. Lt. Col. Rimas considered Lt. Col. Yncierto as his ultimate successor since they were both assigned in MBLT-9 stationed in Tawi-Tawi. He expressed confidence that his successor will continue what he started. Lt. Col. Yncierto is the 19th Commanding Officer of MBLT-10. Before he assumed command, he held major positions such as Commanding Officer, 53MC, MBLT-3; Operations and Executive Officer of MBLT-9; Deputy to the Assistant Chief of Marine Corps Staff, PMC; Director, The Basic School, Marine Corps Force Development Center; and Chief of the Future Operations Branch, N3, Philippine Navy. Lt. Col. Yncierto affirmed, "Participative leadership is my style and I am a team player. As the Commanding Officer of MBLT-10, I will be a follower, instigator, and an advocate of S.M.A.R.T.E.R. Marines".

"We will accomplish our task in serving God, country, and the people guided by the Marine Corps Oath coupled with Marine Corps ethos with emphasis on the command guidance. I am expecting everyone in accomplishing the tasks as we move as a team with our respective roles. I am now ready to work with TEAM KAPAYAPAAN," he stressed.

The battalion may have been left by an outstanding officer but another exceptional officer takes over his place. With this, Team Kapayapaan will surely continue its mandate in developing peace and quality of life of the Cagayanos. MBLT-10 will make the Marine Corps Proud!



## “TEACHER MARINES” FOR BAJAU CHILDREN

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Being deployed in the province of Tawi-Tawi has been the greatest challenge our Marines have been facing including protecting the borders and making sure the economic growth is sustained. Tawi-Tawi, being the last province in the southernmost part of the Philippines is the home of our “Bajau” Indigenous tribe, or the so-called “sea gypsies.” They are one of the fewest Indigenous group populations that did not evolve in the fast-paced industrialization of the world. The Bajaus remained to be the ancient protectors of the Sulu archipelagic waters. Our Marines deployed in the far-flung islands have seen the rich culture and way of living of the Bajaus and saw their need to receive the same government services and benefits that others from the mainland have, especially the benefit of “education.”

The Marines assigned at 312th Marine Company conceptualized a program wherein they tapped the education sector which included the public elementary schools to help them in teaching our Bajaus elementary subjects like basic reading and writing. With the total support of our partner stakeholders, they provided sample lesson plans and teaching manuals to our Marines who soon became the “TEACHER MARINES.” The teachers of Datu Halun Central Elementary School of Sitangkai municipality, in particular, are the authors of those teaching manuals and lesson plans which our Marines modified to fit the level of learning that the Bajaus can comprehend.

The strategic deployment of our Marines in the border municipality of Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi includes the furthest three islands: Andulingan Island, Mardanas Island, and Panguan Island. All of the islands are manned by our gallant Marines who maintain the security and border seaborne patrols and implement security measures against pirates, illegal works and entries, and terrorists. While being present in those islands, the Marines were cognizant of the literacy need of the Bajau children – the need that can be satisfied by combined attention, compassion, and action. Our Marines saw the bittersweet reality of being isolated in a faraway land where the availability of basic commodities is less to none. The situation had been the turning point for our Marines to devote themselves to teaching the children of the Bajau tribe.

It all started with one child who would always go to the Marine detachment at Andulingan Island asking the

detachment commander to teach her to write her name. That was a consistent morning routine of the child hiking towards the hilltop where the Marine detachment was located. From one child, in the following the weeks, one become two, two became four, four became ten until a platoon of children rushed towards the gate of the Marine detachment holding only one notebook, just one notebook for all of them, asking our Marines to teach them how to write their name. That heart-melting moment pushed our Marines to dedicate their time teaching those children. The “CAMP BASE LITERACY PROGRAM” was launched after stringent planning and preparation between our Marines and partner teachers who also devoted time to polishing the lesson plans for our Bajau students. The official commencement of the class session started on the first of July 2020 with a total of forty (40) students at Andulingan Island.

For almost eleven months of teaching the students of basic elementary subjects, fundamentals in reading and writing as well as basic mathematics, the students learned a lot from our Marines. But what strikes most is the developed relationship between the Bajau children, their families and our Marines. The Bajau community of Andulingan Island saw the nobility and professionalism of our Marines in their determination to educate the younger generation of Bajaus. The hope of education that everyone deemed was attained through the program. For the whole duration of the program, the children learned not only how to read in Filipino and English language but also to identify objects, places, names and even conveyed their thoughts through verbalization in both languages.

Up to this day, whenever partner stakeholders of the Marines visit the island, they all speak the same statement, “Heh Mandaun heh Marines banan anak kami. Magsukul toongon ma banan Marines ta bi,” which translates to: “TINURUAN NG MGA MARINES ANG MGA ANAK NAMIN. MARAMING SALAMAT SA ATING MARINES.” The civilians who witnessed these noble deeds are the living evidence of how our Marines touched the lives of the children.

Lastly, if there is one thing the Marines are proud of, it is their parting of knowledge and skills to the Bajau children of Andulingan Island. Every child on the island will never forget that the Marines had been there and had taught them the most important aspect in life – education.



# THE MARINE HISTORIAN OFFICE: PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE PMC HISTORY

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The importance of history cannot be overemphasized as history helps us develop a better understanding of our military organization, culture, and milestones. Through relevant records of events, relics, artifacts, and historical landmarks, we are able to preserve our history and provide the future generation of Marines and the general public with factual information. This is where the Marine Historian Office (MHO) takes its course as it configures all essential parts of Philippine Marine Corps (PMC) history.

On October 8, 2021, the MHO organized the 1st Marine Historian Family Conference with the following objectives:

- To make the presence of the MHO more known and project its relevance within the PMC, the Philippine Navy, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines by defining its exceptional roles in conducting activities;
- To foster familiarity, cooperation, and understanding among historian officers by identifying possible areas for partnership; and
- To discuss ways ahead and set the agenda for future PMC historian family conference.

It is important to showcase the relevant history of the PMC as it allows the public to obtain truthful information about the foundation of the PMC, its field of specializations, milestones, programs, accomplishments, and events that made great impact. The MHO aspires no less than to improve the preservation and enhancement of the past memorabilia of the PMC and adopts both traditional and modern approaches in handling its tasks. While recognizing the present status of the organization, we honor and respect the Marines who fought and died in the service of our country.

We keep past memorabilia intact and make these available for everyone to view. By doing so, we are able to uphold the integrity and the preservation of the PMC.

Like in any other organization of the AFP, the MHO is on track in aligning all necessary collection of records of events, artifacts, relics, and photos. The MHO initiated the redesign and enhancement of the Marine Museum and the Marker commemorating the oath-taking site of the first batch of Philippine Marines at Fort San Felipe in Cavite City with the guidance of the then PMC Commandant, MGen. Nathaniel Y. Casem PN(M) (Ret) on October 16, 2020 and later unveiled by MGen. Ariel R. Caculitan PN(M) on January 22, 2021. MHO also spearheads the Heraldry Board that tackles the approval of logos/seals of each respective PMC unit or office.

Between the year 2019 and early 2020, the MHO personnel conducted visits to several AFP museums like the General Headquarters, Air Force, Navy, and the Army Museum to explore and get ideas on how to better improve the PMC Museum. In the same period, the MHO conducted several Heraldry Board meetings. In the second quarter of 2020, the MHO was able to access funds for the redesign and enhancement of the PMC Museum and the Marker of the Oath-Taking Site of the first batch of Philippine Marines. The MHO programs in the pipeline are as follows:

- Continuous beautification of the PMC Museum
- Workshop for History Writing as a Learner Tool
- Bookbinding of PMC History Records per Unit/ Office
- Continuous conduct of Heraldry Board
- Continuous collection of PMC's significant events and items for display



- Translation of Marine Hymn to Tagalog version
- Translation of Marine Oath to the Filipino language
- Preservation of HPMC Building “Brown Hall” as Commercial Historical Attraction (Heritage Site)

The MHO would like to acknowledge the Office of the Commandant for the guidance in conducting our tasks.

We also express our gratitude to all PMC Units/ Offices for the support and cooperation they have shared in advancing and fulfilling our tasks. What we have just accomplished is merely an introduction of the series of plans and programs that we plan to initiate for the PMC. There is more to be done as we treasure and promote our PMC history.



# A LIGHT THAT SHINES FOR EVERYONE

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*“Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future.” – Robert H. Schuller*

## Man-made hazard

Rido or family feud is a type of conflict between different clans that are mostly rooted in land disputes, political differences, theft, and maratabat or pride and honor of the clan and characterized by sporadic retaliatory violence. Rido is common in various areas of Mindanao where the presence of law enforcement agencies are weak and the justice and security systems are out of reach. Resorting to violence has become the norm in seeking justice and is usually passed from one generation to another.

## Shattered dreams

Loss of lives, destruction of government and private properties, economic breakdown, and absence of peace and order are just some of the crippling effects of rido in the community. It is also a great hindrance to the socio-economic, political, and spiritual growth of every individual in society. Education of the youth is likewise affected as madrasah and other learning institutions are forced to close because of fear; sources of livelihood are disabled; and children at a young age start to inculcate violence in their early minds. The youths would prefer holding guns and join different groups in order to avenge the death of a loved one,

expose and involve themselves in criminal activities to gain notoriety and intimidate the rival clan, and prefer to choose the path of violence in solving disputes.

## Gestures of a peace-loving citizen

In order to create a better and more peaceful environment for the residents of the Municipality of Buldon, Maguindanao, the 35th Marine Company, Marine Battalion Landing Team-5, 1st Marine Brigade, in partnership with the local chief executives of Buldon, Maguindanao headed by Mayor Hon. Abolais A. Manalao, facilitated the conduct of a Mass Rido Settlement activity held at Brgy. Dinganen covered court, Buldon, Maguindanao on September 20, 2021.

The activity was presided by BGen. Jonas R. Lumawag PN(M), Commander, 1st Marine Brigade and Mayor Hon. Abolais A. Manalao of Buldon. Representatives from various sectors were also present: Lt. Col. Tino P. Maslan PN(M)(GSC), Commanding Officer of MBLT-5; Police Lt. Tony A. Dimaro PNP, Chief of Police, Buldon Municipal Police Station; Abubacar Balitok Al-Haj, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS); Governor Bae Mariam Mangudadatu represented



by former Board Member Michael Midtimbang; Sittie Sahara Bae Dimple Mastura represented by Municipality of Sultan Kudarat Municipal Administrator Banjo Mampon Al-Haj; Alternative Dispute Resolution Team (ADRT) Chairman of Buldon; Yusof Palawan, Municipal Councilor of Alamada, North Cotabato; Hon. Gandawali Tamay; Alamada Council of Elders represented by Minagoaw Macapintal; Brgy. Chairman of Pigcawaran, Alamada, Yasser Arat; and the Company Commander of Charlie Company, 34th Infantry Battalion, Philippine Army. 1Lt. Ronnie Fernan PA.

Everyone witnessed how the activity changed the perception of all the warring families involved in the rido settlement, how they voluntarily submitted themselves, set aside their personal grudges, and set up new hopes and goals for a more peaceful coexistence. A total of 6 ridos were settled during the conduct of the activity, namely: Gapor vs Kairudin family; Abolais and Sinangan vs Pukaw; M'TO and Acmad family; Mokabib vs Gulam family; Ariman vs Seraman family; Kasawalan vs Alegonero, Agorada, Tocas, and Isko family; and Samion vs Tago family. A symbolic turnover of firearms was also conducted during the activity. These included: one (1) M14 Rifle, one (1) M1 Garrand rifle, one (1) M16 Rifle, and one (1) Cal. .45 pistol that were voluntarily surrendered by the warring families to Mayor Manalao and turned over to BGen. Lumawag PN(M) and PLt. Dimaro PNP for custody.

### **There's a rainbow always after the rain**

The parties during the rido settlement chose the path for peace and agreed to leave the culture of violence. This was made more significant when they surrendered their firearms as a sign of sincerity towards achieving their goal of prevailing peace and harmony in Buldon. The activity also opened up the hearts and minds of the people and demonstrated that if there's a will, there's always a way to settle disputes without using violence. The sacrifices and efforts made by the Marines of MBLT-5, in close coordination with various sectors, and the initiatives of the local government in addressing the issues came into fruition as the vision of hope to peacefully settle armed conflicts was made into reality.

"A single light that shines through the darkness", gives hope. The impact made by the Mass Rido Settlement activity created a great impact not only on the involved warring families but also on everyone in the community including the youth. The trust of the people in the government has been restored. Faith and persistence are always key to achieving everything we wanted to happen. If there is persistence in everything that we do and in everything that we are aiming to achieve, accompanied with faith in God almighty, success in every endeavor will always be possible.



# COASTAL DEFENSE

## REMEMBERING THE PAST, RECLAIMING THE PRESENT, RESTRUCTURING THE FUTURE!

PMC FORCE DESIGN AND CONCEPT OF SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

By: AC of MS for Plans and Program, MC5

“Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.” – Sun Tzu

With the advent of the Archipelagic Coastal Defense (ACD) Strategy that serves as the overarching operating concept and the new chapter for the Philippine Marine Corps (PMC), the leadership of the PMC, through the Office of the Assistant Chief of Marine Staff for Plans and Programs, conducted the PMC Force Design and Concept of Support Development Workshop from June 28 to July 1, 2021 at the Marine Base Gregorio Lim, at Ternate, Cavite.

This initiative was part of the guidance of the Commandant PMC, MGen. Ariel R. Caculitan PN(M), to develop a more responsive and future-ready force design as well as to craft a concept of support to the naval and joint forces in order to operationalize the ACD. With this, the Corps assembled a handful of bright and promising field-grade officers with various expertise and experiences to form part of the working groups.

The participants gained knowledge from a vast list of resource speakers from the higher headquarters. They were also facilitated and paneled by the Corps' visionaries headed by the Commandant himself.

At the end of the workshop, the groups were able to scrutinize and break down the ACD into measurable and actionable steps to make the strategy into reality. The outputs will be further subjected to sets of wargaming and analysis that will strengthen and polish these initial outputs.



With this activity, the ACD, as the Corp's new strategy, was put to its initial test. This will solidify the strategy and define the Corps' overall contribution to our maritime nation as complementary with other forces and agencies. Having a firm foundation from *remembering the past*, being able to solidify our existence by *reclaiming the present*, and most importantly *restructuring our future* for God, country, the Filipino people, and the Philippine Marine Corps are significant. Truly, we, as members of the Philippine Marine Corps, slowly, but surely “*drumbeat the Archipelagic Coastal Defense, as the new heartbeat of the PMC!*”



INCREASING THE READINESS AND SUPPORT FOR OUR COASTAL DEFENSE REGIMENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR AFP'S SEA CONTROL AND SEA DENIAL MISSION.

# PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS PARTICIPATES IN THE LARGEST BIENNIAL DEFENSE EXPO IN SOUTH KOREA

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SEOUL, South Korea - The Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition (Seoul ADEX) held from October 19-23, 2021 was the largest, most comprehensive event in the Northeast Asia attracting key military personnel, local and international defense industries, enthusiasts, and the general public alike.

The opening ceremony was graced by South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who presented the advancements in the defense sector of the Republic of Korea. Major General Ariel R. Caculitan, Commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps and Colonel Romulo D. Quemado II, Commander of the Coastal Defense Regiment (Provisional) witnessed the momentous event at the Seoul Airport on October 20.

A total of 440 companies from 28 countries showcased indoor and outdoor exhibitions such as ground/ naval weapons and equipment, unmanned aerial vehicles, self-propelled/mobile artillery and fighter aircrafts. Taking place every two years, the Seoul ADEX invites the largest number of distinguished and high-level defense officials from various governments and armed forces and provides opportunity to fulfill both military diplomacy and business.



Rafael, an Israel Defense Company, showcases a simulator to help see the real-time battlefield and data.



MGen. Ariel R. Caculitan PN(M), Commandant Philippine Marine Corps together with Minister Suh Wook, Minister of Defense, ROK Ministry of Defense during the Seoul ADEX Welcome Ceremony.



## HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY IN KABUNTALAN

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After reports of the presence of armed lawless groups in Maguindanao, the 63rd Force Reconnaissance Company (63FRC), under the tactical control of the Marine Battalion Landing Team-2 (MBLT-2), was directed to conduct a hydrographic survey covering the rivers of Barangays Ganta, Poblacion Kabuntalan, Matilak, and Liong in Kabuntalan to gather pertinent hydrographic data that could be used for future military operations.

The hydrographic survey commenced after the operating elements of MBLT-2 and MBLT-5 cleared and occupied their respective objectives which were adjacent to the rivers connecting to Tamontaka River and Rio Grande River (also known as Mindanao River) both heading towards Cotabato City.

On April 28, 2021, elements of 63FRC onboard two Combat Rubber Raiding Crafts departed 22MC Detachment at Ganta, Kabuntalan and executed their mission along the wide and long Mindanao River. It was a day with favorable weather and suitable tides and currents for the conduct of a hydrographic survey. Before the jump-off, Recon observed the behavior of the river and recorded its tide of 2.51 meters (highest tide that day) and water velocity of 0.77 meters/sec. As the team passed the initial 500 meters of the river, electrical wires were seen across the river connecting to the residential houses alongside the river. One of the wires was 3 meters high above the water surface which was an obstacle for watercraft with a mast. As the survey continued, the depth of the river varied due to continuous sedimentation and soil erosion in the area. The deepest portion of the river recorded was at Brgy. Liong with 40 feet depth and the shallow part is near the river junction with 3 feet depth. Moreover, the river was filthy due to its bottom composition of mud and black sand with the combination of wastes coming from nearby farms and communities.

One of the key terrains found in the area is the river junction which divides the Tamontaka and the Rio Grande both going to Cotabato City. It may serve as an ingress

and egress point from and to Cotabato City and also to other nearby municipalities. The immediate vicinity of the river junction has limited houses and is more or less one kilometer away from the detachment. With that, establishing a detachment in the river junction may detect and deter possible threats going to populated places such as Cotabato City.

The total surveyed area was 9.6 kilometers covering some of the residential areas alongside the river. It was for that reason that the majority of residents own motorized wooden boats used to transport passengers and basic commodities. Furthermore, the area covered is surrounded by farmlands and marshland. The soil composition beside the river is used for farming in some areas making it relatively firm. Also, the river's average depth is 12 feet making it passable for small watercraft.

With these characteristics of the operating environment, the employment of Assault Amphibious Vehicles (AAV) of the Philippine Marine Corps may also be a consideration for future combat operations or even training-related activities. For the past years, this marshland area was a haven for the lawless group in Maguindanao which is an obstacle for military ground forces. In terms of the warfighting functions, the vast marshland area limits the maneuver and protection capability of the government forces. These newly acquired AAVs may address these limitations and possibly be the missing piece of the combined arms capability of the Naval Task Group Central to further accomplish its mission in this area.

As a result, the overall conduct of the mission was a success although no battles took place. The Marine Operating Forces cleared the area from the reported threats. Moreover, pertinent hydrographic data that were gathered may be used for future combat operations and the employment of AAVs may be the turning point for the overall success of the Joint Task Force Central campaign in the area of operations.



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# PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS: OUR IDENTITY

“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.” – Kalu Ndukwe Kalu. This quote reflects our Marine Corps Ethos – as a Marine, we do things for God and for our selfless love for the country.

There are three things I wish to convey to every Marine – the Marine Oath, our Ethos, and what we can do for The Corps.

First, the Marine Oath. We acknowledge that we, alone, cannot do the things without the divine providence from the Most High. We submit to the discipline of The Corps that molds us to become valuable for the organization, develop ourselves, surpass our limits, and always follow the chain of command. When you hit rock bottom on your service, always look back to the oath that we swear upon.

our organization, there are many things we learn about our profession. There will be times when you are motivated and there will be times when you will become disappointed on the things that you’ve learned along the way that do not align with what you envision.



Finally, what we can do for The Corps. For all the things that The Corps has done for us whether it’s positive or negative, we are thankful that through these things we become what we are today. We need to strive harder to improve ourselves and our individual accomplishments will align with The Corps’ vision. Because the strength of the pack is the wolf and the strength of the wolf is the pack, we aim to further elevate the standard of The Corps.

In conclusion, we must adhere to the oath that we have undertaken. As we continue to develop and improve our organization, we must always remain deeply rooted on who we are and be the best Marine we can be. That is what we can contribute to our organization. “Over the ordeals and dangers, over the joys and tribulations, over the honor of selfless service, He has emerged and triumphed. Head held high and heart aflutter; He is overwhelming with gratitude for time well-spent and a life well-lived.” – Reflections of an Old Salt by Rear Adm. Jose Renance C. Suarez AFP (Ret)



Second, our Ethos. We cannot reach the horizon if we are not deeply rooted in ourselves. As time pass by, there will be many changes in our lives, in our organization. There are many developments due to the rapid advancement of technologies, but one must not lose himself to the ever-changing delusions of time. We must maintain our identity. Just like what Sun Tzu said, “Know yourself and know your enemy”, we must always remember who we are. Just like in



# MBLT-4 SPEARHEADS SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING IN PALAWAN

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To strengthen unity and cooperation on Joint Law Enforcement Operations, the Marine Battalion Landing Team-4 (MBLT-4) invited personnel from 1st Palawan Provincial Mobile Force Company to participate in a 45-day Special Operations Platoon (SOP) Class 02-21 training convened on August 17, 2021, at Camp Daypo, Barangay Abo-Abo, Sofronio Española, Palawan.

The SOP Class 02-21 underwent intense training for Special Operations to enable them to become proficient at managing their body weight. Through exercises such as calisthenics, movement drills, grass drills, and dumbbell drills, they learned essential skills such as jumping, landing, lunging, bending, reaching, and lifting. Their stamina improved through progressive activities. A variety of training events with precise standards of execution ensured that the bones, muscles, and connective tissues gradually “toughen” rather than break. This was the purpose of the toughening phase, to develop foundational fitness and fundamental skills.

They also had a 3-day Water Survival Training at 2Lt. Lagare, Tidepole Pier, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. Water treading, underwater swims, lifesaving, drown proofing, and knot-tying underwater on breath holds were the challenges requiring taking water confidence to new levels in the special operations world. Water survival training not only provided an enhancement in many components of fitness (endurance, stamina) but also provided a much-needed skill for overcoming water obstacles from a stream crossing to an amphibious landing. The likelihood of panic induced by the water was extremely high, which is why it is important to build confidence and train individuals to react correctly when they find themselves in situations where water survival is imperative.

The tactical training aimed to study combat theory and gain psychological stability needed to respond to different situations, along with the specific skills. This included learning about weaponry, organizations, and different types of battle.

SOP is typically a small group of highly-trained personnel emphasizing sufficiency, stealth, speed, and tactical coordination. The use of small units in direct or indirect military actions focused on strategic and operational objectives. They require units with a combination of trained specialized personnel, equipment, and tactics that exceed the routine capabilities of conventional military forces.

Special Operations normally require operator-level planning and detailed intelligence. Rigorous training and rehearsals of the mission are integral to the success of the mission.

This training is done to cultivate their ability to conduct Tactical Combat and Recon Patrols as well as cultivate their organization, unity, teamwork, and skill requirement to achieve high state and combat readiness. This step is a symbol of promoting the integration of the AFP and PNP and advancing peace, development, and service in Southern Palawan.





# MARINES PLANT TREES:

## An effort to fight climate change

By: MARINE BARRACKS ARTURO T. ASUNCION

With the increasing awareness on the importance of tree-growing activity and its positive impact on our environment, the Officers and Enlisted Personnel of Marine Base Arturo Asuncion (MBAA) headed by Lt. Col. Gilbert D. Beto PN(M), Base Commander, took the initiative of planting trees within the perimeter of the camp on September 10, 2021.

The Tree-Growing Activity was one of the highlight activities in celebration of the 16th Activation Day of MBAA on September 15, 2021. It was a low-cost initiative to commemorate the foundation day of the Base while contributing to reforestation and combating global warming. Instead of spending much on tarpaulin display or any printed materials for the activity, serving snacks to the participants was enough to draw their willingness and boldness to contribute to the initiative and remember the day when the Base was activated as Marine Base Zamboanga according to HPMC General Order-Nr. 26 dated September 25, 2005.

The activity was planned and organized by the Staff for Civil-Military Operations (CMO), MB-7 in coordination with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)-IX Zamboanga City for the 1,000 assorted forest/fruit-bearing trees. The concept of the activity was to challenge the team MBAA to plant 11,000 trees within a year to cover the boundaries of 27,873 square meters of land area under Usufruct to Philippine Marine Corps. Aside from the significant environmental benefits of planting trees, the intention to plant the trees in the boundary of the Usufruct area entails two basic reasons: First is to provide clear delineation of the boundary of the camp and second is to protect the camp from illegal settlers that are rapidly encroaching in the awarded area.

For these reasons, the integrity of the camp will be protected without violating any rights of the illegal settlers.

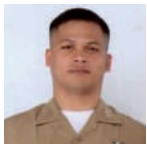
Likewise, the Commander Marine Base Arturo Asuncion, Lt. Col. Beto PN(M), expressed his gratitude to the participants for voluntarily contributing their effort without hesitation or any reservation and for recognizing individual social responsibility to realize the importance of afforestation of the mother nature. "We will plant these trees today so that the next Marine generation may benefit from it as they serve the Marine Corps. I and some others here in MBAA or the Marine Corps will soon retire, but let us leave a legacy that will forever be remembered," Lt. Col. Beto PN(M) said.

Meanwhile, on September 22, 2021, the Marines aboard MBAA, CSSBDe, and Naval Station Romulo Espaldon (NSRE), together with other PN Units, participated in the tree-growing activity of Naval Forces Western Mindanao (NFWM) conducted in Marine Corps Force Development Center (MCFDC) - Annex at MBAA in line with NFWM's 25th Founding Anniversary scheduled on September 28, 2021. The activity was headed by Rear Admiral Toribio D. Adaci Jr. PN, Commander NFWM, who was able to plant a total of 200 assorted forest and fruit-bearing trees in support of environmental preservation and protection. RAdm. Adaci emphasized that "The endeavor is something to look forward to for the next ten years. We hope and also we must ensure that the trees we planted survive and grow to supplement our efforts in preserving the environment amidst concern on climate change and global warming" (NFWM FB page dated September 23, 2021).

It takes strong leadership to lead people in caring for and managing trees and the environment. As the best quote from Lucy Larcon says that "He who plants a tree, plants hope," the thought of doing such a good act is the best gift one can offer to the next generation. If each one of us will give our share by planting trees, then we give the future generation a better environment to enjoy and a wonderful place to live in.



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS



## THE 64TH FRC JOURNEY

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On January 4, 2021, the Commandant Philippine Marine Corps, MGen. Ariel R. Caculitan PN(M) visited the headquarters of the Force Reconnaissance Group (FRG). The FRG was the first unit in the PMC that he visited because he wanted to strengthen and improve the special operations capability to ensure greater impact in the battlefield. Special operations capability is one of the four major warfighting capabilities that the PMC should focus on. This momentous occasion was witnessed by the personnel of this unit, the 64th Force Reconnaissance Company, who were undergoing a retraining program.

Through the command guidance of the Chief of Staff AFP (CSAFP), Gen. Cirilito E. Sobejana PA, he emphasized his intention to find, fix, and finish all threat groups in Western Mindanao (WESMIN) Area of Operations (AO) and end local armed conflicts in the said area within a year. The concept would focus on two major AO in WESMINCOM – the area of Sulu Province against the Abu Sayyaf Group and the JTF-Central AO. The AFP Special Operations Command (AFPSOCOM) was tasked to spearhead the implementation and execution of his mandate thereby the Joint Special Operations Task Force- TRIDENT (JSOTF-TRIDENT) was activated. This unit is composed of two (2) Joint Special Operations (JSO) Units as a command element, two (2) Light Reaction Companies (LRC) from the Philippine Army, two (2) Naval Special Operations Unit (NAVSOU) of the Philippine Navy, personnel of Special Operations Wing (SPOW) of the Philippine Air Force as Combat Air Controller Teams and the newly created Special Category (SPECAT) of Special Forces Regiment. With the approval of our Commandant, the 64th Force Reconnaissance Company was declared operational and was subsequently OPCON to JSOTF-TRIDENT, AFPSOCOM.

On March 19, 2021, with the observance of COVID-19 health protocol, the company boarded PAF C130 bound for Zamboanga City. Series of planning, training, conceptualization of operations, and situation briefings were conducted at HJSOF2, AFPSOCOM, and subsequently proceeded to Sulu Province. The NAVSOU, SPOW, and LRCs who have been together and working side by side for a long time have already developed their sense of camaraderie and they already understand their unit’s capabilities. The SPECAT and the FRC were new to this set up and certainly needed some adjustments. Series of JSO training was planned to develop camaraderie and understanding of different special operations units but was not conducted due to high operational tempo in Sulu, and with that, all adjustments of this unit were done during actual operations.

The Special Reconnaissance and Direct Action (SRDA) capability was conceptualized to address the operational gaps in the area of Sulu. Specifically, Special Reconnaissance was emphasized to answer or supplement the gaps between intelligence vis-à-vis with the operations, thus a force reconnaissance company was requested to fill those gaps. With that, applying the principle of “one is capable, all is able”, the 64th FRC was designated as a special reconnaissance unit and was tasked to confirm and deny enemy locations as well as to conduct LP/OP and ambush positions to possible enemy ingress and egress route and the LRCs as the Direct-Action unit. Utilizing this concept resulted in a series of firefights against the ASG under ASG Sub-leader Muzrimar “Mundi” Sawadjaan, the notorious bomb-maker in Sulu. This concept resulted in the decisive engagement against the said group and in the killing of five ASG members (including @Yusop a foreign terrorist) and recovery of various firearms and documents with high



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intelligence value. The series of firefights paralyzed the capability of ASG under Mundi, thus, limiting his capability to conduct atrocities in Sulu.

After more than three months of deployment to Sulu, the JSOTF-TRIDENT was redeployed to the JTF-CENTRAL (JTF) Area of Operations. The 64th FRC participated in various operations against the Communist Terrorist Group, Dawlah Islamiyah, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, and other ISIS-linked terrorist groups. The JSOTF-TRIDENT was reconfigured due to changes and additions of the unit participating in the JTF. Additional OPCON was the 1st Scout Ranger Battalion and the Test Mission Group of Scout Ranger and Scout Sniper of FSRR. Though there were firefights against the said groups, there was no decisive encounter and no high pay-off targets were neutralized this time. After grueling three months of deployment in JTF AO, on September 27, 2021, upon the deactivation of TRIDENT, the company was warmly received by the Commander 1st Marine Brigade. After almost seven months of being away, the 64th FRC finally went back to the Philippine Marine Corps, it's HOME.

The deployment at AFPSOCOM opened a wide variety of experiences and understanding of what is special

operations in the spectrum of joint operations. The earlier period was challenging because units deployed there did not have prior integrated training. The culture of major service mindset and unhealthy competition among SOF hampered the effectiveness during special operations missions, however, professionalism and camaraderie prevailed and everyone was accepted as part of the special operations community. The Company was able to gauge its capability by observing other SOF units. There are new concepts and styles especially during the conduct of operations. We were able to determine our strengths and weaknesses and determine solutions and make necessary adjustments to fit in the requirements of the AFPSOCOM but limited only to the variables that we were able to control like human factor and the Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures. For other requirements like the materiel capability on which this unit cannot control, the JSOTF somewhat provided materiel but on a temporary solution basis only. In this aspect, we could say that we were behind with other SOFs specifically in night fighting capability including ISR capability to support during conduct missions. The deployment to AFPSOCOM was very productive and surely developed us to become **SMARTER** Marines.





# MARSOG: THE DANGER OF THE UNFORESEEN

By: MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

One of the best offensive strategies in a military operation is about gaining a tactical advantage over the enemy without being detected. It is when you engage your enemy with a surprise approach, without giving them the luxury of time to react or plan for their next strategy. Every branch of service of the military has a unit dedicated to conducting such fierce military activities. This group of men are specially trained, organized, and equipped to do sensitive and highly volatile missions in unfamiliar terrains with extreme precision and exhibition of skill. Special Operations revolves around unconventional warfare that requires capabilities such as air assault, airborne force deployment, and amphibious reconnaissance.

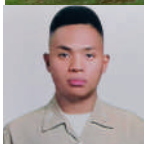
The Philippine Marine Corps Special Operations Group (MARSOG), also known as Force Reconnaissance Group (Force Recon), is the unit assigned for such missions of the Philippine Marines. They are the elite ground forces of the PMC specifically skilled at unconventional warfare. The Force Recon, as their badge symbolizes, is known to be fast, stealthy, and deadly. Masters of anti-guerilla operations, they can traverse even the steepest mountains and highly vegetated jungles of the Philippine archipelago.

Also, these men are trained to conduct close-quarter combat and Urban Military Operations. They can conduct covert military activities deep within enemy lines with very little to no support from the line infantry. They can be deployed in any kind of terrain whether by land, sea, or air, and commit to objectives in uncharted terrains, maneuvering invisibly by blending with the surroundings. The Force Recon can also be attached with a regular line infantry for amphibious warfare operations. Their extreme mobility and capability to rapidly adapt to various settings make it easy to merge them with other Marine operating forces. The outstanding skill of every MARSOG operator is a result of an extreme level of training designed to physically and mentally break down even the strongest individuals, making sure that only those who possess the required characteristics and aptitudes will make it through and earn the coveted badge of the Force Recon.

Truly, only the bravest of the brave and the toughest of the tough can reach such heights and become a full-pledged Force Recon. Serving as the spearhead of the Philippine Marine Corps, they accurately are “the first to fight” and the first unit to strike the enemy down.







# THE BATTLE AT BUD BAWIS

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A battle at Barangay Pugad Manual, Panamao, Sulu in the vicinity of Mount Bawis on the 22nd day of December 2019 called for another unbelievable feat of heroism and bravery. Through the determined will of the members of the 62nd Force Reconnaissance Company, Force Reconnaissance Group, Philippine Marine Corps, Philippine Navy, they were able to neutralize the undetermined number of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) members led by ASG Sub Leader Hairulla ABDURAJA with several recoveries of kidnap victims, enemy body and ammunitions, and other assorted war materials.

This battle started when a piece of information was brought to the Company's intelligence personnel from the Marine Corps Intelligence Company. The information included the discovery of the kidnapped Malaysian/Indonesian victims near Mount Bawis. Other important details were revealed, such as the enemy strength of the ASG fighters who wielding high-powered weapons. They discovered that they were temporarily hiding in the area. The only reference given that time was that the enemies were under a huge mango tree in the middle of the mountain.

It took few hours for the operating troops to create an appropriate plan since there might be essential changes in the enemy's strategy. The enemies might consider going to a different location because they knew that the military forces were after them. From the information given to them by the intelligence personnel, the Marines planned how they would execute the mission successfully and deliberately.

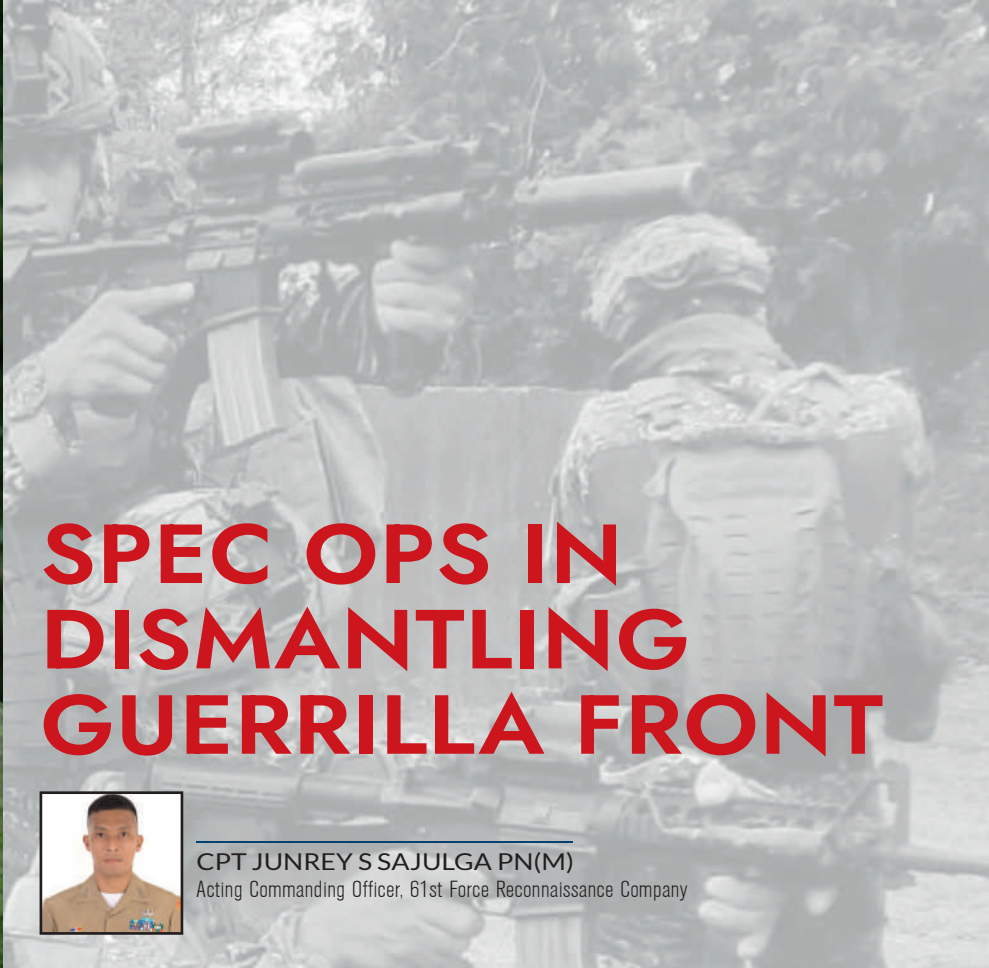
After their release from the line of departure, the operating troops of 62nd FRC walked for almost four kilometers of rough, rugged, and inclined terrain to reach the target. Under the cover of darkness, Cpt. Johnrou A. Cacho PNM), the Commanding Officer of 62nd FRC, led his troops and stealthily crept towards the objective, reaching approximately five meters away from the enemy encampment. It took them almost six hours before they hit the objective and nearly an hour of conducting listening post or observation post until such time that they heard a dusting of the noise of a canvas cloth. All personnel were informed and alerted. After few seconds, they heard noises from a walking person coming to their direction. That time, all personnel were alerted again to scan and prepare for any possible firefights. The point man of the supporting team

used his thermal imager, lay down to the abundant grasses of the mountain to verify the armed man who was coming to their position. He also scanned the enemy encampment for targets and the possible location of the kidnap victims. His team provided support-by-fire to the Company's main effort team, terminating the enemies on the spot. His team then moved to an advantageous position to provide cover fires to the assaulting team led by 1Lt Orlando A. Lictawa PN(M), Team Leader.

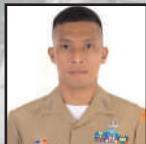
Despite the heavy hostile fires and troop casualties, 1Lt Lictawa, under the command and orders of his Commanding Officer, diligently coordinated with the other team for fire support while he led his team in assaulting the enemy's stronghold. He was able to quickly position his team and establish hasty defensive positions deterring the enemy's counter-attack, which forced the enemy to retreat. On the other hand, Sgt Romnick C. Estacio PN(M), a gunner, sacrificed his own personal safety through his aggressiveness in providing fires that exposed his position and made him vulnerable to enemy fire. He continuously repositioned himself until he reached a distance of more or less two meters away from the enemy's position providing effective fires until his last breath. His bold actions led to the determination and neutralization of the enemy's gunner. Through his bravery despite the given risks, he prevented further casualties at the expense of his life.

As a result, the Company rescued two Indonesian kidnap victims, namely Samiun Bin Maneu and Maharudin Bin Lunani. The Marines were able to neutralize ASG Sub Leader Hairulla ABDURAJ, recovered one (1) M16A1 with an M203 grenade launcher; two hundred forty-four (244) pieces 7.62mm link ammunitions, and assorted military and civilian war equipment.

For the bravery displayed by all of the involved personnel in this armed conflict in Barangay Pugad Manual, Panamao, Sulu, each was awarded a Gold Cross Medal for their invaluable determination and dedication to carry out specific duties during such danger. Each member of the Company deserves acknowledgment, recognition, and respect from the Armed Forces of the Philippines for living with its core values: Honor, Service, and Patriotism, as they also keep the finest traditions of Filipino soldiery, as the Marines are famously known for.



# SPEC OPS IN DISMANTLING GUERRILLA FRONT



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The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, J3 has introduced the **Dislocate, Isolate, Disintegrate, Destroy** (D-I-D-D) methodology to the Unified Commands of the AFP as the primary concept that would help in dismantling the Guerrilla Fronts of Communists Terrorist Group (CTG).

During the **Dislocate** phase, the operating troops employ forces to obtain a significant positional advantage; thus, rendering the enemy's disposition less valuable and irrelevant. It aims to force the NPA units out of the guerrilla zone. The second phase is to **Isolate** the NPA units. In this phase, the government denies the enemy access to the masses. Thus, they become isolated from the people, negating them the ability to exercise coercion, influence, potential advantage, and freedom of action. Next is to **Disintegrate** the NPA units. In this phase, the enemy's mission command system is disrupted, degrading their ability to conduct operations while leading to a rapid collapse of their capabilities or will to fight. Lastly, **Destroy** the NPA units. This phase is the application of lethal combat power to destroy the enemy.

The 3rd Marine Brigade, which operates in the province of Palawan, applied the said concept in its campaign against the Kilusang Larangang Gerilya-Palawan (KLG-Palawan) which is the lone guerrilla front that operates in Palawan. The 3rd Marine Brigade and its OPCON units worked to dislocate, isolate and disintegrate the said NPA unit. The campaign was in its last phase when a platoon from the Force Reconnaissance Group was called to support the operational needs of the 3rd Marine Brigade. The deployment of the 2nd Platoon, 61FRC was timely since

the Brigade needed a special operations team capable of applying a striking force that would lead to the destruction of the NPA unit.

The 2nd Platoon, 61FRC was placed under operational control (OPCON) to MBLT-4 during the execution of Operation "Vaccine". On September 22, 2020, the 2nd Platoon, 61FRC was tasked as the main effort to destroy the enemy in the hinterlands of Brooke's Point, Palawan. On the dawn of September 3, after 9 hours of trekking the mountain ranges of Brgy. Mainit, the 2nd Platoon 61FRC located the enemy's lair. With its proficiency in direct action, the platoon delivered a swift, silent, and deadly maneuver that resulted in the neutralization of five CTG members including their top 3 leaders. In less than 10 minutes of firefight, the enemy camp was taken over. The operation delivered a demoralizing blow to the CTG that led to the surrender of some of its surviving members and the withdrawal of support from their mass base.

On June 7, 2021, Gen. Cirilito E. Sobejana PA, AFP Chief of Staff, awarded the campaign streamer to the 3rd Marine Brigade and its attached units according to the joint resolution of the AFP and Philippine National Police No. 05-2021 affirming the declaration of Kilusang Larangang Gerilya-Palawan of Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee as dismantled.

Indeed, the D-I-D-D methodology is proven to be effective in dismantling the guerrilla fronts of CTG. The Force Reconnaissance Group's Special operation capability, competency, and experience proved to be efficient as a guerrilla front **Destroyer** of the Philippine Marine Corps.



# SUCCESSFUL FLEET-MARINE TEAM OPERATION RESCUES INDONESIAN KIDNAP VICTIM IN TAWI-TAWI

By: MARINE BATTALION LANDING TEAM-6

The success story behind the safe rescue of the last Indonesian kidnap victim, Khairuldin Bin Yaikii, and the neutralization of his captors, Sulu based Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) Sub-Leader Majan Sahidjuan alias Apo Mike and his two other cohorts, in the island of Kalupag in the municipality of Tandubas in TawiTawi on March 24, 2021 is attributed to the strategic employment of troops and the application of the Fleet-Marine concept of operation. The unified efforts involving Fleet-Marine assets and other key stakeholders were instrumental.

In a focused military operation to rescue the kidnap victim, the joint forces of the Navy and Marines were deployed. A Command Group, organized under the 2nd Marine Brigade, boarded PS35 BRP Apolinario Mabini and proceeded towards Kalupag Island. Meanwhile, the Multi-Purpose Assault Craft was deployed to conduct Naval blockade covering the entire Island of Kalupag as the ground forces utilizing indigenous boats and rubber boats landed along the island to rescue the kidnap victim and go after the remaining members of the ASG. The vast coastal mangrove and the difficulty of the terrain reduced the ability of the troops to locate the position of the ASG and the kidnap victim. The following day, the first encounter with the ASG transpired. The ASG leader, Apo Mike, later succumbed to his wounds. A second encounter ensued resulting in the successful rescue of the kidnap victim, Khaipuldin Bin Yaikii, and the neutralization of the two ASG members identified as Long Makbi and Darus Roger.

The successful operation against the ASG was a concrete display of the integration of Fleet-Marine Forces and assets for sustained operations. It was also a test of their versatility to be employed in various mission in short notice and the competency to conduct maneuvers afloat and ashore in a maritime environment with utmost compatibility and interoperability.





## SURRENDER OR DIE?



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Surrender or Die - A tagline that I use as my closing statement every time I am interviewed by any media personality.

Is "Surrender or Die" really effective? Will this single statement frighten rebels and encourage them to disarm and return to the folds of the law? Or I am just stating words because I have nothing more to say?

Being a Civil-Military Operations operator since 2005, one of my desires is the basic concept of "winning the hearts and minds." This has become my mantra every time I am deployed in areas where there is the presence of Communist-Terrorist Groups and their allies like Compostela Valley (Davao de Oro now) in 2006-2007; National Capital Region in 2007-2009; Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat in 2014-2017; and Palawan in 2019-2021.

Honed as PsyOps operator when I entered the service, I have many stories of the peaceful successful surrender of the New People's Army but nothing beats the surrender of "Ka Allan", the Company Commander of Bienvenido Vallever Command from Palawan whom I successfully encouraged to trust the government through my persuasion. After two successive phone calls, "Ka Allan", along with seven other rebels with a cache of firearms, was successfully collected by the 3rd Marine Brigade led by BGen. Charlton Sean M. Gaerlan PN(M) that time.

It was on October 28, 2019 when I received a phone call from Ka Allan. With mixed emotions of talking with a "KUMANDER" and as a first-time negotiator, my words to him were, "*Kuya, kung susuko ka, sisiguraduhin kong ligtas kang bababa. Walang mangyayaring masama sa 'yo at sa mga kasama mo. Nakita mo naman tuloy-tuloy na*

*naglalakad at naggagalugad sa bundok ang tropa ng Marines, kaya hangga't hindi ka sumusuko sigurado akong mas nanganganib ang buhay mo baka makaengkentro mo sila."* He replied, "*Oo nga po ma'am, noong isang araw nakasalubong ko po ang mga naglalakad na Marines kaya gumilid po kami at nagtago. Medyo lumiliit na rin ang landas ko. May mga nakontak akong pulis at ibang sundalo, pero hindi ko mapagkatiwalaan ang boses nila. Sa iyo ma'am ipagkakatiwala ko ang buhay ko at ang pamilya ko, basta ligtas po kami."* I answered back, "*Kuya, ibigay mo ang contact ng pamilya mo, ilalagay ko sila sa ligtas na lugar. Magtiwala ka, ligtas ka sa akin at sa mga kasama ko."*

Then, we exchanged only about three conversations and I immediately contacted his family. I contacted Ka Allan's youngest sister. For the first time in their lives, they communicated with a "soldier." She browsed my Facebook account. She saw me, they saw my family, she profiled me. She has doubts – but her TRUST in the profile I have established lingers than the fear of knowing that I am a soldier and that their family member (Ka Allan) is a rebel.

With so many what-ifs and buts, I personally met Ka Allan's family (his mother, youngest sibling, and his son) at the airport on November 2019. I myself have so many fears of breach communications or "TRAIDORAN" but my mind says, "I win their hearts and minds". I know myself and my men are safe but we cannot relax because the enemy is still an enemy.

As we entered the camp premises, I saw how frightened the mom of Ka Allan was. She was shaking in fear and maybe delusion that they are entering the area of her son's enemy. I held her hand, look directly into her eyes and said, "*Nay, ligtas po kayo dito."*



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32 y/o  
CO, POC (Bienvenido Vallever Command),  
CO, FOC KLG-South



@ JANETH  
27 y/o  
Leader, Ganap na Samahang Masa (GSM),  
Maasin-Calasaguen, BP



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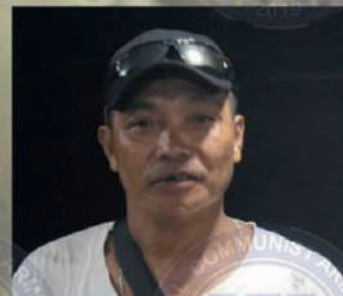
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People's Intel Network (PIN)  
Coordinator  
Former CAFGU

## Ang Pagsuko ay hindi KATAPUSAN bagkus ito ang SIMULA ng PAGBABAGO.

As I accompany them to their room, Ka Allan's mom hastily asked me while crying, *"Papatayin mo ba kami? Ipalit mo ulo namin kapalit ng anak kong rebelde?"* I smiled and said, *"Nay, hindi po ako mamamatay tao. Nandito po ako para matulungan ang anak ninyo na magbagong buhay. Hindi po mamamatay tao ang Marines. Ang gusto namin ay makababa ng ligtas at maayos si Kuya Allan."* I used "kuya" to let her know that I treated her son as my brother.

Having his family with me, Ka Allan that time was half set to completing his peaceful surrender. He once again called me and we set the date, time, and place of his surrender.

The day of his surrender was the longest six hours of my life. It was with mixed emotions of fear, joy, doubts, and paranoias. There were lots of what-ifs and buts. There were lots of clouded statements on my mind but my mission was CLEAR. I must have him alive and I must succeed in my first ever peaceful surrender of not just an NPA fighter but a KUMANDER.

I and my team from the 3rd Marine Brigade, with the leadership and guidance of BGen. Gaerlan and together with our Brigade Chief of Staff Col. Noel M. Tiu PN(M), initiated and facilitated the reunion of Ka Allan with his mother, his long-lost son, and his sister. We witnessed how a mother cried knowing that his son is safe and bruise-less under the custody of the military. We witnessed how a rebel father longed to hug his son who didn't see him for 5 years. And we witnessed the reunion of a family that was once separated by the evils of communism.

So, back to my question.... Is Surrender or Die effective? YES! I have my story of saving eight souls away from the perils of the Communist Terrorist Group and I will always use "Surrender or Die" to persuade other rebels to surrender peacefully and embrace the offer of the government. Life is a matter of choice and the best choice is the second chance offered by the government.

Surrender or Die!!!





# SUSTAINING THE CAMPAIGN TO END THE COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT IN PALAWAN

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The unprecedented accomplishments of the 3rd Marine Brigade (3MBde) in dismantling the Kilusang Larangang Guerilla (KLG)-Palawan of the Communist Terrorists Group (CTG) in 2020, followed by sustained operational gains, were highly appreciated by the local government of Palawan for contributing to the goal of ending the communist armed conflict in the province.

The 3MBde is serious in finally ending the communist armed conflict in Palawan in collaboration with member agencies of the Provincial Task Force – End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) and partner stakeholders following the dismantling of the KLG-Palawan. The current commander of the 3MBde, Col. Jimmy D. Larida PN(M)(GSC), who assumed command on January 18, 2021, has been steadfast in sustaining the gains against the Local Threat Groups (LTG) in the Province of Palawan.

The decisive encounter that transpired between the government troops and CTG at Brgy. Mainit, Brooke's Point, Palawan on September 3, 2020, when the top 3 leaders of the CTG were neutralized, has led to the dismantling of the KLG-Palawan in that same year and has reduced them into a small remnant of terrorists now recognized as Platon Palawan.

The decisive dismantling of KLG-Palawan was followed by the unrelenting efforts of the 3MBde's operating units in the frontlines to conduct sustained Focus Military Operations (FMO) and implement the Community Support Programs (CSP) that have significantly earned the favor of the masses to the government side. It also resulted in the continuous surrender of former rebels and sympathizers back to the folds of the law. Furthermore, the Department of the Interior and Local Government's implementation of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) in Palawan under the PTF-ELCAC has complemented the unit's CSP and its sustainment efforts in winning over the Palawefios' support for the government and denouncement of the CTG's influence in their respective communities. The RCSP, as the primary tool of the NTF-ELCAC against the more than five decades of communist insurgency, is a multi-stakeholder and a community-based peace and development effort, which aims to establish and protect a conflict-affected community towards a common goal of attaining lasting peace.

In the first quarter of 2021, FMO and CSP sustainment were deliberately conducted in the reported CTG hideouts to thwart the enemy's influence in these identified focus areas. These sustained efforts led to a brief armed encounter between the elements of the Marine Battalion Landing Team-3 (MBLT-3) and 65 Marine Company, Force Reconnaissance Group (65C, FRG) against the fully-armed CTGs on April 9, 2021 at Sitio Karangyan, Brgy. Concepcion, Puerto Princesa



City, which resulted in one (1) body count and recovery of one (1) KG 9 sub-machinegun from the enemy side. There was no casualty on the government side.

During the succeeding quarter, the sustainment efforts of the CSP teams complemented with RCSP efforts, particularly in Northern Palawan, have led to the surrender of a total of 21 CTG members from January 2021 to this date. Withdrawal of support of known CTG mass base is also evident when this unit received several reports from concerned citizens regarding the ideological, political, and organizational efforts of the enemy in the identified focus areas and the enemy presence in the hinterland areas. With these reports, enemy locations were continuously monitored and prompted this unit to launch another FMO in the hinterland areas of Brgy. Nicanor Zabala, Roxas, Palawan, which led to another armed encounter between the joint operating troops of MBLT-3 and 65MC, FRG against the fully-armed CTGs on July 12, 2021 and resulted in one wounded (WIA) from the government side and recovery of one (1) caliber .45 pistol; two (2) hand grenades; and one (1) shotgun. However, on July 13, 2021, while the same operating troops were conducting combat clearing operations, a suspected anti-personnel mine exploded five meters away that led to a brief firefight. It resulted in three (3) WIA from the government side while the enemy fled in different directions. In addition, the operating troops recovered the following anti-personnel mine components from the blast site: 15m long wire; battery; improvised blasting cap; and a bottle of Ammonium Nitrate with nails and metals.

As the 3MBde and its OPCON units intensified and synchronized their TRIAD operations, the favorable outcome was instantaneously obtained while not even firing a single shot. This outcome was made possible when a reliable source tipped off the locations of CTG HPFAs and

Anti-Personnel Mines, which were hidden in the hinterland barangays of Palawan. The veracity of the information was confirmed when the combined elements of MBLT-3, 65MC, FRG, and EOD Team of the CSSTG-3 recovered five (5) M16A1 rifles, 13 Anti-personnel mines, and 32 Improvised Hand Grenades during the FMO launched on August 28, 2021.

The said accomplishment was followed by the subsequent recoveries of other enemy paraphernalia by the operating elements of MBLT-3. Recovered on September 3, 2021, were the following: two (2) M16 rifles, one (1) long magazine, eight (8) short magazines, one (1) war belt, and 80 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition. Also recovered was a motor banca which was reportedly utilized in ferrying the remaining CTG members. Recovered on September 4, 2021 were the following: one (1) M16 rifle, one (1) Elisco "Baby Armalite" M177 rifle, one (1) long and one (1) short magazine; and 34 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition.

Further, another CTG sympathizer also denounced the CTG and expressed support for the campaign of the

government to end the insurgency by surrendering the following: one (1) Colt M16A1 rifle, one (1) long magazine, 28 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, and two (2) black chest rig bandoliers.

The recovery of the HPFAs and CTG paraphernalia in the 3MBde's AOR was a result of the relentless CSP sustainment efforts and security operations of 3MBde in collaboration with other AFP units, the Palawan Provincial Task Force-ELCAC, and the close partnership with Palaweños and other stakeholders who are sincere in working together to once and for all end the communist armed conflict.

The 3MBde is rock solid in its determination to sustain and finish the remaining CTGs in Palawan. The Brigade is calling upon the CTG remnants in Palawan to abandon the armed struggle and surrender instead to the folds of the law to avail of the government programs for rebel returnees and the opportunity to be with their families not only this coming Christmas season but throughout their renewed lives.

## MARINES AND MTF- ELCAC OF KALINGALAN CALUANG LAUNCH LOCAL SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM FOR ASG SURRENDERERS

By: MARINE BATTALION LANDING TEAM-7

The Marine Battalion Landing Team-7 (MBLT-7), together with the Municipal Task Force Ending – Local Armed Conflict (MTF-ELCAC) of Kalingalan Caluang Municipality in Sulu, launched the Local Social Integration Program (LSIP) for 15 former members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) who surrendered to MBLT-7 on June 14, 2021.

The activity was attended by Mr. Julkiram A. Arastam, Provincial Tourism Officer and Focal Person of Sulu Task Force-ELCAC, Hon. Nurshamier A. Halun, Municipal Mayor of Kalingalan Caluang, and Col. Hernanie S. Songano PN(M) (GSC), Commander, NTGS/4th Marine Brigade.

The event was also participated by representatives from various local government agencies and non-government organizations who contributed their time and expertise in reaching out to the former ASG members and providing livelihood, education, and spiritual support.

The partners for the program included: BARMM Ministry of Education, National Housing Authority; BARMM Ministry of Trade and Industry and Tourism, TESDA, BARMM Ministry of Social Welfare and Development, BARMM Ministry of Interior and Local Government; National Anti-Poverty Commission, Sinagtala Weaving Project, United Duat for Peace and Development, Inc., and the religious leaders from the Municipality of Kalingalan Caluang.

The building of the Community Livelihood Project dubbed as the "Habi para sa Pagbangon" for the "nito" weavers of Brgy. Kambing was inaugurated on the same day. The project aims to help the local community, including

the former ASG members, in producing and marketing their native handmade products.

Col. Songano acknowledged the importance of the LSIP as it aims to sustain the peace and development efforts of the 4th Marine Brigade in the 2nd District of Sulu.

Lt. Col. Eduard C. Olaso PN(M), Commanding Officer of MBLT-7, affirmed the importance of the whole-of-nation approach in addressing the concerns of and helping the former ASG members and their families. Overall, the multi-stakeholder collaboration demonstrated to the surrenderers the value of turning a new leaf, abandoning criminality and violent extremism, and being peaceful and productive members of the community.





# HADR

## PMC STRENGTHENS HADR CAPABILITY

By: MARINE OFFICER BASIC COURSE CLASS 44

The Philippine Marine Corps (PMC) is a reliable and well-equipped military unit that is highly capable in any amphibious operation including natural disaster response deployments during typhoons, earthquakes, and floods. As part of the Commandant's Initial Planning Guidance 2021, the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) is one of the four major capabilities that need to be strengthened. This capability aims to enhance and align the PMC with national policies on Disaster Risk Reduction Management as part of the PMC's role in protecting and saving lives.

The concept of HADR can simply be summarized as the identification of the key levels and steps in preparation before and during the onset of natural calamities. The concept also includes the establishment of significant parameters measuring risk and alert levels including the delegation of tasks to various PMC Commands nationwide.

One of the importance of enhancing the PMC's HADR capability is to improve efficiency in assistance operations and response effectiveness in expediting deployments before, during, and after the occurrence of natural calamities that will minimize damage to properties and most importantly the loss of lives. Review of protocols and guidance are critical aspects in this realigned capability to streamline plans and implement modifications, especially during pandemic.

Second, the establishment of the HADR capability enables the PMC to help conduct and/or participate during national drills for earthquake, typhoon, and tsunami/ storm surge

conducted regularly as part of the initiatives of the national government in measuring the preparedness of designated response units and the entire citizenry. This also enables the organization to reassess, repair, and procure all necessary and additional equipment, machinery, and facilities needed during Search, Rescue, and Retrieval (SRR) Operations and Waterborne Search and Rescue (WASAR) Operations.

Lastly, the HADR capability gives the organization a wider scope of responsibility and commitment to the communities in keeping Filipinos safe from man-made and natural calamities. Moreover, this gives the PMC greater opportunities to strengthen ties with foreign and local agencies and stakeholders that can help improve the PMC's HADR capability and ensure it is efficient, effective, responsive.







**DEVELOPING A ROBUST HADR STRATEGY THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO OUR COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS ESPECIALLY ON THE ONGOING PANDEMIC AND REGULAR NATURAL CALAMITIES WE ALWAYS EXPERIENCE.**

# MARINES' MAGIC ON PCVET

By: Ms. Karel "Kaye" B. Mellanes

Communications Officer, Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People (IRDT)

Zamboanga City is known for its diversity in culture, ethnicity, dialects, traditions, and many others. It is the melting pot of people from neighboring areas such as Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, Sulu, and Zamboanga Peninsula. Like in other areas, there is always the threat of violent extremism and terrorism. This is the reason why it is always important to put premium on peace, and we mean this by Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism (PCVET).

A multi-sectoral group named Zamboanga City Prevention Against Violent Extremism and Terrorism Task Force or ZPAVETF (formerly known as the Technical Working Group on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism/TWG PCVET) is advocating for that. Chaired by the local government unit of Zamboanga through the city mayor's office, this group is composed of the different sectors such as the academe, religious sector from the Ulama Council of Zamboanga Peninsula, Evangelical churches, non-government organizations such as the Jabu-Jabu the Calling Inc, One Muslim Christian Lumad Org, and the Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People, Inc. (IRDT), the security sector from the Joint Task Force Zamboanga that includes the Marine Battalion Landing Team-11 (MBLT-11) and the 74th Infantry Battalion, Philippine Army, Naval Forces Western Mindanao Command, and the Zamboanga City Police Office. Since the establishment of the ZPAVETF (with its former name) in 2016, IRDT supported this group from its previous Peace Connect project, and currently, the Project Converge project supported by The Asia Foundation. As the secretariat of the ZPAVETF, IRDT witnesses how this group brings awareness and its PCVET campaigns to the people. Before the pandemic hit, the leaders of each organization went to the community through open house visits, sat and engage with the community leaders, and brought medical and humanitarian missions. The MBLT-11, for its part, was active in our community engagement activities.



As ordinary citizens, we think of the security sector as men and women in uniform carrying their guns and trained in combat. "Well, of course, they were trained to counter these terrorists. That is their main job," as most of us would say. However, they are also skilled at performing non-combat operations including civil-military operations that enable them to genuinely connect with the people. As simple as you might think or say, "Anyone can do that". Yes, anyone can do that and it is most amazing that these soldiers in their uniforms still do their jobs to keep the peace in the community in ways that make people feel at ease. Their simple yet meaningful acts help send the message that working for peace is best for everyone.

Yes, they are THE FEW, THE PROUD MARINES but they are able to bring magic to the hearts of the Zamboangueños, young and old. They have proven that they are both tough and soft-hearted in the name of PEACE and development. SEMPER FI! OOHRAH!



## MARINES AMPHIBIOUS READY UNIT: GEARING UP ITS HADR CAPABILITY

2LT MHARVIN P PAPA PN(M)

2nd Platoon Commander, 29th Marine Company, MBLT-9

Acknowledging the various challenges that threaten the security of the people, the Philippine Marine Corps (PMC) aims to ensure its maximum responsiveness by strengthening its core capabilities on territorial defense and rescue missions during calamities.

The Philippines is constantly battered by various calamities that often leave the country and its people devastated. These calamities would come in the form of volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods, landslides, and typhoons. Last year alone, we saw how a number of strong typhoons pummeled the country and caused casualties and major destructions across cities and provinces. Hence, the PMC, as protectors of the people, ensures its readiness not only against armed men and but also in response to natural calamities. As soldiers and citizens of the Philippines, it is our sworn duty to protect our country and its people – and it is high time to fulfill this duty.



To be more responsive in different types of crisis, the Commandant, Philippine Marine Corps, MGen. Ariel R. Caculitan PN(M) focused on the development of four major capabilities – the National Maneuver Force Capability, Coastal Defense Capability, Special Operation Capability, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) Capability to support the mission of the Philippine

Navy. This concept is being implemented in all Marine units at the tactical and operational levels.

In response, the Marine Amphibious Ready Unit (MARU) strengthens its force not only in military operations but also in Disaster Response and Rescue Team (DRRT) to sustain readiness when calls arise. Following the guidance of the Commandant, which emphasizes improving the HADR capabilities, the MARU created five Disaster Response and Relief Teams. Each rifle company (29MC, 39MC, and 49MC), as well as the Headquarters Company and 59MC, provided one DRR team. Each DRR team shall conform to a squad organization. One fireteam designated as a security team, one fire team serves as rescue and retrieval team, and one fire team designated as salvage/breaching team.

Recently, the DRRT MARU attached with Philippine Navy Units proved their preparedness and capabilities by acquiring skills in standard first aid, mass casualty evacuation, water search and rescue, basic life support, and disaster response management in the City of Marikina which was heavily affected by typhoon Fabian in July 2021. Despite the limitations posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic, we continue serving the people. Our priority is to keep everyone safe especially in calamity situations.





# TRAVERSING THE ROAD NOT TAKEN: THE TOUR OF MARINE RESERVISTS

By: Marine Reservist Orientation Training "Sidlak Lahi" Class 03-21

We come from different walks of life, upbringing and backgrounds, a multitude of flavor and characters now marching in unison as Philippine Marine Corps (PMC) reservists. We are ordinary citizens who are given the opportunity to be trained and serve under the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). We are honored to be part of the few and the proud and we give our all to live up to being the best in soldiery. We believe that faith with action is God's will and blessing, which will be given to you not in your time but in God's time. We joined the Corps for various reasons but it all boils down to our passion to serve and be a better contributing member of the society, to support our regular force in any way possible in accomplishing the mission of the Corp and the AFP. We are Filipinos and we are proud of it. This is our land of unsurmountable leaders who taught us to be brave in mind, body, and soul. They visualized that even if they leave this world someday, they engrave their legacy and righteousness to be role models of the future Filipinos. They dream that someday somehow the millennials will submit their volunteerism to serve the people and the country. We made the decision to step out of our comfort zone and do something different with our lives, something with more meaning and purpose.

Most of us did not have the opportunity to serve as part of the regular force yet our determination to be soldiers lead us to enlist in the reserve force. We are more than grateful and honored to be part of the PMC. We did not just become part of an organization; we found a family. Our training is not a walk in the park, it opened our eyes to new horizons and gave us a deeper understanding of patriotism, leadership, kinship and soldiery. It was a physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding experience; it was a lot of sacrifice yet it is nothing compared to the hardships of our heroes who trained well and made the ultimate sacrifice for our motherland. Rather than feeling bad about our struggles, we see the unlimited possibility to serve through PMC. We evolved and are now enabled to do more and serve further by

being part of a bigger institution. Serving and Helping others is a form of Blessing. It is with great honor and privilege to serve our Country, in the areas of propagating peace, morality, and sanctity of life. God gave us a way to serve, and blessed us with the ability to help others. We find fulfillment and joy knowing that we can help others. Sometimes it can be hard but nothing compares to the feeling whenever you leave the people you have helped with happiness in their hearts. There is beauty in kindness; people with good hearts are the most attractive. We are honored to be given the



opportunity to serve and protect our country fellowmen as well as to be of service to our fellow soldiers in peace and war time.

Some people will come into your life to guide you, lead you or direct you in your life particularly in your military career. Most of us waited for a year, some even more. We were ecstatic to receive a Viber message informing us that we are part of Basic Citizen Military Course (BCMC). We are honored to be one of our gallant soldiers. Wearing a Battle Dress uniform is not only an ordinary clothing but also an extraordinary responsibility to ourselves, to the Corps, and to the people we love to serve. We make a vow to improve ourselves and develop our skills to be useful and relevant reservists to our respective units, our classmates, and to all our officers in the Marine Corps. We never thought that we'd be one of those out there in the mud, under the scorching heat of the sun, working hard just to be part of something that we believe to have more meaning. Now, we are proud to say that we lived through it and are now part of the AFP as reservists.

We made tons of memories ever since we joined PMC; travelling 10KM on foot, land navigation, buddy system, civil-military operations programs like bloodletting activities, outreach programs, Field Training Exercises (FTX), square meals, most especially frolics and the infamous Echo-Echo! during our FTX when we were in the Marine Basic School for seven days. Sleeping every night in bare sand with limited space inside your tent. On the second night, there was a heavy rain. Water seeped in through our tents and we slept with our raincoats on. The routine calls of "Fall In" every 5:00 o'clock in the morning, sometimes earlier. The exhausting series of physical activities particularly the land navigation, live-firing, and many more. But the thing that I would always treasure is the camaraderie among the Marines. Throughout our journey, we can never be thankful enough for the way we

were welcomed by the Corps. We did not receive any special treatment and we never felt any discrimination. We were accepted into the family as one of their own, a thoroughbred Marine in the making.

We have learned so much in this journey. One is that "A Marine is always a Marine". With all the difficulties that we had been through, many told us to already give up. But for us, giving up is a sign of weakness. We all have been there, we've already experienced how to be a weak person, giving up so easily. And now, we do not want to be that person anymore. We stand by our principles; we choose to be strong! In the short span of our journey, we became better individuals with stronger character.

The Corps has taught us to be brave and strong. Sometimes being kind and soft-hearted may seem like a weakness, but underneath the tough facade we know that there is strength in caring and being a lovely person in this world. There is strength and peace, and because of this peace positivity surrounds us and spreads through us. We are soldiers who advocate peace but never mistake kindness for weakness, "For once we are provoked to fight, they better keep out of our sight, when we unleash our strength and might." With the branches of service in the AFP and several other organizations, we distinctively chose the Philippine Marine Corps because it represents the best in soldiery, because every Marine is a rifleman, because we want to be part of the few and the proud, because the blood that is pumped by our heart, the blood that flows in our bodies is the blood that we share with our Marine brother and sisters. It is not an easy path to take, yet again it is not the path for everyone. As the world-renowned author Robert Frost plainly puts it; we took "The road not taken", and as Marines we proudly took it with Honor, Duty and Valor. Marines Aooooowha!





# M A R I N E S

any are called but only few are chosen  
To join the toughest organization of Philippine Marines  
Molded to be a warrior and defender of our Motherland  
In toughest battles we excel and in valor and honor, we stand.

s we grow and celebrate our 71st birthday  
We have imprinted our significance day by day  
From community relations to combat operations  
Your Marines is taking the lead in doing commendable actions.

eady as always, and never unruly  
A disciplined individual wherever we may be  
We take responsibility in the actions we make  
We care so much of the actuations we take.

am a Marine, agile, strong-willed, and mannered  
My life is lived for the country and people that I serve  
An absentee individual to any occasions of my family  
Because my own family will always be my last priority.

o MERCY is given to our country's enemy  
Who will cross the line and provoke our duty  
We will fight until the last breath we take  
We will let our enemies feel their dangerous fate.

eliminating ASG, CTG, and other lawless groups is my mission  
And living a peaceful and progressive life is my vision  
This dream is quite delusional and hard to attain  
But my faithfulness to my duty will always remain.

eeing myself with the Corps has made my life more worthy  
Crossing danger zones with rifle and leading a combat company  
A different path that only the bravest women get interested  
Wears no makeup but remains pleasing, loved, and respected. #OABJAA

## CONGRATULATIONS!



**Sgt Beatrice Luigi G Gomez PN(M)(Res)**  
Miss Universe Philippines 2021





# GETTING AT TAPANG



**THE CORPORAL TINANGAG STORY**  
MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDEE





# MEDAL FOR VALOR

2021

The Medal of Valor (Medalya ng Kagitingan) is the Armed Forces of the Philippines' highest military honor awarded for a conspicuous deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty that distinguishes the recipient from his comrades.




**CPL GENER C. TINANGAG PN (M)**  
**1993 - 2017**  
**BARLIG, MT. PROVINCE**

GENERAL ORDERS  
 NUMBER 813

**AWARD OF THE MEDAL FOR VALOR**  
 (Posthumous)

By direction of the President, pursuant to paragraph 2.a.1), Section 1-2, Chapter I, Armed Forces of the Philippines Regulations G 131-054, this Headquarters dated 26 June 2014, the MEDAL FOR VALOR is hereby awarded to:

Late Pfc Gener C Tinangag 920961 Philippine Navy (Marines)

for acts of conspicuous courage, gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Assistant Automatic Rifleman, Special Operations Platoon (SOP), Headquarters and Service Company, Marine Battalion Landing Team-5, Philippine Marine Corps, Philippine Navy while reinforcing the heavily engaged units of Marine Battalion Landing Team-7 (MBLT-7) and Marine Special Operations Group (MARSOG) in the vicinity of Mapandi Bridge, Brgy. Lilod Madaya, Marawi City on 091400 June 2017. With casualties mounting due to the attacks of the numerically superior ISIS-inspired Local Terrorist Group (Maute), MBLT-7 and MARSOG needed to immediately execute a retrograde operation to avoid being trapped and pinned down with their back against the Agus River. Under a heavy concentration of enemy sniper and machine guns, rocket propelled grenades and molotov cocktail, SOP MBLT-5 was tasked to reinforce and implement the extrication of wounded and killed troops of MBLT-7 and MARSOG in order to facilitate the retrograde. Private First Class Tinangag along with three (3) other Marines volunteered to evacuate the wounded and killed troops to the Casualty Collection Point (CCP). After numerous trips of evacuating the wounded and killed troops from the engagement area to CCP under the hail of enemy fires, the rest of the team of Pfc Tinangag decided to sought cover and rest as they were too exhausted from carrying wounded and killed in action including their weapons, and ammunition to the CCP. Disregarding his own safety and acting without orders, Pfc Tinangag stealthily maneuvered and crawled through the rubbles to get close to other casualties while fearlessly and repeatedly exposing himself from the enemies' line of fire. Without hesitation, Pfc Tinangag moved forward even through the hail of grenades and heavy machine gun fires making four more separate trips to rescue four (4) wounded Marines namely Corporal Rolan H Sumagpang PN(M), Corporal Michael B Santos PN(M) Corporal Franclin L Sumalde PN(M) and Private First Class Pfizer A Paglinawan PN(M) who were holed up inside a mosque adjacent to the cluster of buildings being attacked by the terrorist and brought them to the CCP. With his repeated efforts to save lives and sensing the most likelihood of the enemy to inflict further casualties, subject EP bravely continued his way to the location of his comrades in distress without hesitation and disregarding notions of death. His movement drew the attention of enemy sniper fires in the nearby buildings that

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shifted their fire towards Pfc Tinangag. Inadvertently, Pfc Tinangag in his own initiatives once again went back to the kill zone to pursue his gallant act of extracting WIAs and KIAs. That while single-handedly recovering the body of 1LT JOHN FREDERICK S SAVELLANO PN(M) (KIA), Pfc Tinangag took an enemy sniper shot to his stomach and was peppered with shrapnel from an enemy grenade. Despite his wounds, he mustered all his remaining strength and carried his comrade Marine under the rubble of buildings to the CCP located 200 meters away while avoiding the relentless enemy fires. Pfc Tinangag managed to carry the body of 1LT SAVELLANO to the CCP before collapsing due to his wounds and later on declared dead at the medical station hours later. Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face great adversity during that five (5) hour intense and deadly battle against the ISIS-inspired Local Terrorist Group (Maute), Pfc Tinangag selflessly and single handedly saved the lives of four (4) Marines and extricated one (1) KIA in exchange of his own life. His selfless sacrifice raised the morale of troops to valiantly advanced in a ferocious battle and subsequently liberated Marawi City from the terrorists. By this singular display of heroism, Private First Class Gener C Tinangag PN(M) distinguished himself in combat, keeping with the finest traditions of Filipino soldiery.

Next of Kin: Clark Mayner E Tinangag – Son  
 c/o Ms. Jasmin Joy B. Escobido – natural guardian/mother  
 Address: Brgy Lunas, Barlig, Mountain Province

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE:**

OFFICIAL:

**CIRILITO E SOBEJANA**  
 General PA  
 Chief of Staff

*Maxima O. Ignacio*  
**MAXIMA O IGNACIO**  
 Brigadier General PAF  
 The Adjutant General

# PMCOSAI

Philippine Marine Corps Officers' Spouses Association, Inc.

By: Ms. Ma. Arme M. Canson

PMCOSAI Secretary



## PMCOSAI in Tawi-Tawi

The PMCOSAI sent donations to Panguan Island, Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi. NRCEN 91st Marine Reserve Unit donated boxes of noodles, sacks of rice and cases of juice drink. The school materials were donated by the Philippine Marine Corps Foundation. Assorted toys were donated by Ronald McDonald House Charities through the effort of BGen. Cherrisse Manzano PN(M)(Res) and distributed by 2nd Marine Brigade (2MBde) under the command of BGen. Arturo G. Rojas PN(M) with the support of his wife, Mrs. Elmina Rojas, a trustee of PMCOSAI and the immediate past president of the association.



## Community Pantry

PMCOSAI led by its Adviser, Dra. Vilma Caculitan, in partnership with the Philippine Marine Corps Foundation Inc. (PMCFI) led by its Chairperson, Col. Romulo D. Quemado II PN(M) (GSC), sponsored an organized community pantry at Barangay Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City led by its Barangay Chairman Jorge Daniel Bacobo. The pantry aims to alleviate those who have been financially affected by the pandemic through the distribution of assorted vegetables, fresh eggs, dried fish, rice, and chicken to the residents of Barangay Fort Bonifacio.



## Support our Troops

PMCOSAI turned over quarantine kits to Headquarters Battalion and MBLT-10 for the use of Marine personnel under quarantine. The kits were made possible thru the partnership of PMCOSAI with Support Our Troops led by Mrs. Anna Marie T. Parreño and contributions from the Philippine Navy SOQ/JOQ Ladies Group.



## PMCOSAI in Palawan

The Philippine Marine Corps Officers' Spouses Association, Inc. (PMCOSAI), led by its adviser Dra. Vilma Caculitan and in partnership with 3MBde and MBLT-3, visited Palawan to conduct a community outreach program in Roxas Municipality. PMCOSAI, through the help of BGen. Cherrisse Manzano PN(M)(Res), distributed oximeter, multivitamins, and toys from Ronald McDonald House Charities to 3MBde, MBLT-3, and MBLT-4 personnel. The visiting PMCOSAI ladies also conducted a tree-planting activity at H3MBde.



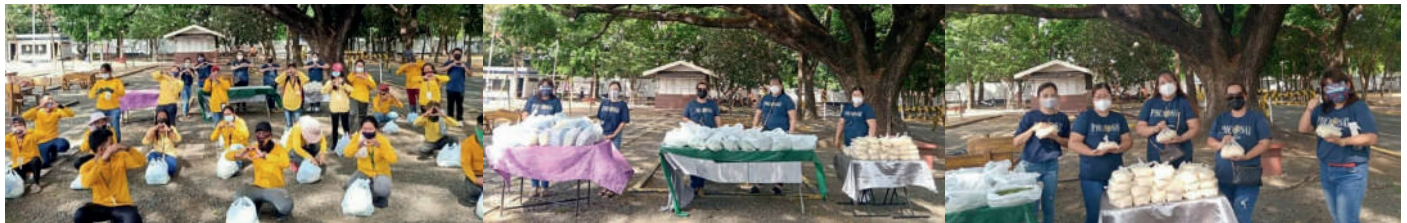




PMCOSAI handed over vegetables and juices for the quarantined personnel of PMC. April 5 ,2021

The Philippine Marine Corps Officers Spouses Association, Inc (PMCOSAI) supports the marine frontliners giving COVID19 vaccine to navy personnel at Jurado Gym in BNS by providing food packs to the medical personnel administering the vaccine. July 16, 2021

The Philippine Marine Corps Officers Spouses Association, handed over PPE to the medical frontliners of Manila Naval Hospital and was received by Lt Agaloos. August 7, 2021



The Philippine Marine Corps Officers Spouses Association, distributed assorted good for the workforce of door keeper assigned at BNS. Door keeper personnel are the contracted workforce that keeps BNS neat and clean. The activity was conducted as a continuing effort by the PMCOSAI to give back to those who are helping the Marine Corps and the Navy fulfill their missions. May 21, 2021



## PMCOSAI Meet its Grantees

The Philippine Marine Corps Officers' Spouses Association, met with their selected Grantees at the Commandant's Official Residence in MBRB last May 08, 2021. The meeting was timed with the giving of their regular stipends and was made purposely to get to know each other and determine how they are doing especially so in this time of pandemic. Through the years, PMCOSAI provides of the Corps to help them through their respective course, This program was instituted as a way of giving back or in support to the Marines who are faithfully serving the country. PMCOSAI, on the other hand, have always supported the Corps in all its undertaking and have, as they say latin, "semper ad Meliora"



## PMCOSAI goes to Angat, Bulacan

Philippine Marine Corps Officers' Spouses Association, Inc (PMCOSAI) led by its adviser, Dra. Vilma Caculitan, distributed various sanitary items to the following schools in Angat, Bulacan: Binagbag National High School, Angat National High School, and Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal High School. The distributed items were made possible



The Philippine Marine Corps Officers Spouses Association Inc., turned over noodles and chicken meat to HQBN for the quarantine personnel of Philippine Marine Corps. April 05, 2021

PMCOSAI, in partnership with Duterte force, conducted a webinar on how Social Media Influences Someone' Attitude or Behavior for our military dependent in Senior High School and University.



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## MISSION

The PMCOSAI is a dedicated organization of Marine spouses that works hand-in-hand with the PMC in helping build strong military families through empowerment, education, and social advocacies to help our Marines maintain mission readiness.

## VISION

To be a steady, reliable and consistent partner of PMC in pursuing its personnel morale and welfare objectives and to support their civil military objectives in pursuit of the Corps' mission.

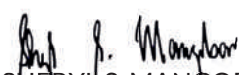
# THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF PMCOSAI

Through the years, the Philippine Marine Corps Officers' Spouses Association, Inc (PMCOSAI) has fulfilled its primary mission of supporting the morale and welfare and civil-military objectives of the Philippine Marine Corps (PMC). This was made possible, in no small measure, to the generous support of its benefactors and sponsors who have given resources, insights, prayers, talents and manpower to the various projects of PMCOSAI.

The PMCOSAI is particularly indebted to the following groups who have consistently lent their supporting hands to the PMCOSAI's objectives: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Junior Chamber International (JCI) – San Juan Dambana, Ronald McDonald House Charities, PMC Foundation, Philippine Navy SOQ and JOQ Ladies Group, Mrs. Genevieve Soberano Ronatay, AFP Mutual Benefit Association, Inc (MBAI) led by MGEN RIZALDO B LIMOSO PA(RET), Support Our Troops Foundation led by Mrs. Anna Parreno, Jollibee Group Foundation, and TV5 Alagang Kapatid Foundation, Inc. The Association would also like to acknowledge the effort of BGen. Rodylyn T. Manzano PN(M)(Res)(Ret), chairperson of the Naval Reserve Command Multi-Sectoral Linkaging Committee, in assisting PMCOSAI in its numerous outreach program.

Finally, the Association is also eternally indebted to the following who have sponsored the Educational Financial Assistance program of PMCOSAI: Tawi-Tawi Women Council, LTGen. and Mrs. Rustico O. Guerrero PN(M)(Ret), Atty. Mia Guerrero, Ms. Ma. Agnes Marixie San Diego, MGen. and Mrs. Alvin A. Parreño PN(M)(Ret), and BGen. and Mrs. Camilo F. Balutan PN(M)(Ret).

Indeed, the past year, under the threat of the global pandemic, had been fruitful for PMCOSAI through the tireless effort and support of these foundations, groups and people. All of the past activities of PMCOSAI would not have seen the light if not for their unselfish actions and unqualified support. Thus, PMCOSAI would like to express their utmost gratitude and thanks and will forever be indebted for their magnanimity.

  
DR. SHERYL S. MANGOROBAN  
President, PMCOSAI



*Into the fold...*

## **The grantees of the PMCOSAI- EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE program saying from their hearts:**

“The PMCOSAI recognizes the needs of every student for education and their hard work, that’s why I am thankful and a proud scholar. Being one of the scholars is such a blessing because of the big help for me and also for my parents. The money I receive helps me through with my school expenses especially that I am studying in a private school.”

**HAZEL MAY ASTILLERO**  
4th Yr. BS Information Technology  
Universidad De Zamboanga



“My first priority in life is to finish college and become a Licensed Customs Broker in the future. Second, is to help my family, especially my sister with her studies and help those people in need. The financial support I get from the PMCOSAI-EFA helps not only me but my parents with my tuition fee, wherein I am so lucky for this opportunity to continue my studies despite the challenges brought about by this pandemic

**XENIA D. CUYACOT**  
3rd Yr. BS Customs Administration  
Southern City College, Zamboanga City



“The EFA of PMCOSAI helps me a lot and served as my ‘go-to’ savings whenever I’m needing for extra as I can’t always ask money from my parents. I was able to buy things necessary for my laptop & cellphone, wherein I heavily rely on for my online classes nowadays. Furthermore, at times of internet connection failure, I can buy a cell card for data connection on my mobile phone from the savings I get from the PMCOSAI- EFA.”

**BEVEL ANNE DIONSON**  
3rd Yr BSBA-BMBA  
Asia Pacific College, Makati City



“There’s no denying that nursing school is challenging, and as a student nurse, seeing nurses work tirelessly to fulfill their duties, has been both frightening and inspiring. Whenever, I feel like giving up I think of all what you did to help. It’s an honor and my privilege. I am now proud to say that I am currently a third-year nursing student who has consistently made it to the Dean’s List. Thanks to PMCOSAI-EFA, I am one step closer to that goal. Your kindness and assistance serve as my inspiration.”

**KAREN MAE JOY L. ERESE**  
3rd Yr. BS Nursing  
University of Makati



The PMCOSAI- EFA helps me a lot in terms of financing my studies. It is such a blessing to me and my parents as well. I also have friends I met from my studies in a private school which I am very grateful to have made possibly through the help of PMCOSAI- EFA. I can say that PMCOSAI is such a big part of me and also a great opportunity for all the scholars.

**STEPHEN D. LOSEÑO**  
4th Yr. BS Information Technology



I am sincerely honored to have been selected as one of the recipient of the PMCOSAI- EFA. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to focus on my studies because of the lessened number of hours I spend working to complete higher education. Thanks to PMCOSAI and to every individual who wield their influence and passion to advocate for us, seeking to make tertiary education possible for all aspiring Marine dependents. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day, I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

**NIKKA T. SERGANTES**  
3rd Yr. BS Secondary Education Major in English  
Zamboanga State College of  
Marine Sciences and Technology



Like how the brave and dauntless marines serve the battlefield, their spouses and children also face a battle of their own. A wife’s duty to nurture and teach her children as well as the child’s academic pursuit are all substantial fights, they take on their own. The PMCOSAI recognizing these efforts, dependents can finally continue this endeavor purposefully.

Schooling is costly. I’ve seen several cadets, who didn’t continue due to this concern. With the funds I’m receiving from the PMCOSAI -EFA, I am able to continue my studies, having a much lighter burden to carry, unlike those unfortunate cadets.

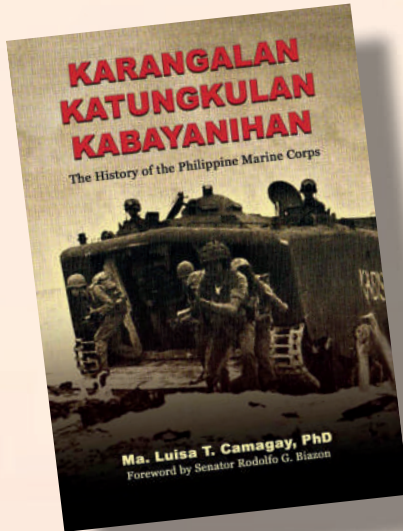
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Kapag hinamon na lumaban  
Dapat sila ay magpulasan  
Bago matikman bagsik at kagitingan

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Hanggang kalaban ay magwakas

Uwaah!